

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
NOVEMBER 25, 2014
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor Pro Tempore:	Kelly Laws
City Councilmembers:	Robert Ogle
	Taylor Harrison
	David Johnson
	Joe B. Lyman
City Administrator:	Jeremy Redd
Finance Director:	Kim Palmer
City Engineer:	Terry Ekker
General Services Manager:	Jeff Black
Police Chief:	Lloyd Watkins

Absent: Mayor Calvin Balch

Community Members: Kendall Laws, Emily Laws, Rodney Workman, Joe F. Lyman, Retta Hall, Trent Holliday, Nicole Holliday, Emma Holliday, Tanner Holliday, R. Lloyd Nielson, Morgan S. Kuykendall, Chris Mielke, Roma Young, Josh Nielson, Madalyn Bills, Daniel A. Cutrone, Gary Guymon, Dane Lyman, Sharon Smith, Curtis Palmer, Calvin Hunt, Taylor Lyman, Dallin Redd, Punk Holliday, Jayne Holliday, Tammy Redd, David C. Redd, Milt Pipkin, Quinn Holliday, Bill Redd, Nicole Perkins, Shelby Seely and Arlen Henderson.

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Robert Ogle.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Johnson moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the November 11, 2014 meeting. Councilmember Harrison seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tempore Laws repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Harrison
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro Tempore Laws declared the motion carried.

3. OPEN FORUM

A. Lloyd Nielson spoke to the Council in support of the opening of Recapture Canyon and the resolution that has been drafted by Councilmember Lyman.

Arlen Henderson also spoke in support of the resolution.

4. REPORTS/DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

A. Terry Ekker presented the Project Status Report.

12" Mountain Line Replacement

Project will be finalized by the end of the month. There are two remaining punch list items and some added water bar construction. Councilmember Ogle asked if any deadlines had been exceeded. Mr. Ekker responded that because of the uniqueness of this project there were no deadlines that had been missed.

Blanding 2014 Waterline Projects

The project is complete. There are grant funds leftover and it is hoped that they can be re-scoped and used for other projects.

Power Master Plan

The Power Master Plan will be presented later in the meeting.

2014 Blanding Power Distribution Project

The pre-bid/site showing had been held earlier in the day. The bid opening will take place on December 4, 2014. The bid award will take place at Council meeting on December 9, 2014.

East Side Sewer Trunk Line

The project has entered the land/right of way acquisition phase of the project and the project funding phase.

2015 Streets Project

Project cost estimates have been completed. The scope of work has been completed and submitted to the San Juan County Transportation Special Service District. The District will present to the Community Impact Board in December.

B. Financial Report – Kim Palmer

Ms. Palmer presented the October 2014 financial status report. Water revenues are climbing as a result of the recent water rate increase. Gas revenues are down slightly from last year due to the warmer fall weather.

5. **AGENDA ITEMS**

A. Recapture Canyon Resolution – Joe Lyman

Councilmember Lyman shared a statement he had written in response to the comments made by Mayor Balch at the November 11, 2014 city council meeting:

*Recapture Canyon
Mayor Opinion Rebuttal*

I listened to the recording of the last Council meeting. I was so stunned by some of what I heard I played it back several times to be sure I understood. There are several points made which I feel need a rebuttal.

1- Last Therefore is completely ridiculous.

Why is it ridiculous to require a Federal; Agency to comply with their own rules and regulations?

2- 317 Million other people own the land.

That is in dispute with numerous lawsuits from Counties and States all over the west against Federal Agencies.

3- Founding Fathers at statehood gave the land away. I don't know why but they did.

On the contrary it is the opposite. The Utah State Enabling Act in agreement with the Constitution of the United States requires that Utah "be admitted into the Union on equal footing with the original States" Anything less retains our character as a territory owned by the United States rather than recognizing Utah as a sovereign state. The United States are in violation of that contract.

4- Just because the Federal Government did something wrong does not justify doing something else wrong.

Tell that to Rosa Parks when she refused to leave the front seat of the bus. The greatest atrocities ever perpetrated on humanity have been done 'legally'. It is our duty to oppose and defy institutional wrong doing.

5- Speaking of the BLM you said "It's their land".

Again, NO it is NOT. The powers of the Federal Government are limited and narrowly defined. Land management is NOT one of those powers. Specifically, "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people."

6- Challenge the accusation of arbitrary enforcement.

The protesters had written permission from the Water Conservancy District who opened the gate for them. You can drive down that road, not the trail, today and have no consequences. It seems the consequences were only THAT day for CERTAIN people. That is arbitrary.

7- Flow of power is from the Federal Government through their Minions to the People.

Unfortunately that is the reality on the ground but it is not what the founders envisioned and not what the Constitution defined. What happened to government Of the People, By the People, For the People? I have read a number of Federal land planning documents that made it clear that prior to 1976 the Federal Government still recognized the authority and jurisdiction of the States.

8- It was closed by legality or non-legality and we should not support the protest.

You can't seriously believe that illegal actions by the government should not be opposed, protested and defied when necessary. Of all places Blanding has the right to protest the actions of the BLM.

Perhaps a few millions lives would have been saved in WWII had people in Germany stood up in opposition to what was clearly wrong doing by the government.

I don't pretend that what is happening here is as serious as what happened there...yet. But we have had our own citizens brutalized by the BLM. What comes next if we, as elected officials, don't stand up in opposition? My only regret is that we have not been more forceful over the years. Perhaps now is too little too late.

9- They (the five) broke the law.

That is yet to be determined by a judge and jury. It is irresponsible to make this statement.

Councilmember Lyman, upon completion of reading the statement, commented that he did not feel it was right of the Mayor to state in an open meeting that individuals had broken the law by entering Recapture, because that has yet to be determined.

Councilmember Lyman moved to approve Resolution 11-25-2014-1 A Resolution Denouncing the Bureau of Land Management's Arbitrary Closure of Recapture Canyon, the Handling of the Recapture Canyon Protest and Calling for the Immediate Re-Opening of the Recapture Canyon Route - with the following changes: Amend the last paragraph which reads, "...The Bureau of Land Management must embrace the position of ..." to read, "...The Bureau of Land Management must adhere to the planning of..." Councilmember Harrison seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tempore Laws repeated the motion and asked for discussion.

Mayor Pro Tempore Laws stated that the Mayor has said he will not sign the resolution. However, the Mayor has no vote, he is the Mayor and represents the City. The Council and the Mayor may not always agree around the table, but once the item is agreed upon it is the voice of the City of Blanding. The Mayor may not like it but he is the voice for the five councilmembers. He also suggested that paragraph 24 that reads, "Now, therefore be it resolved that the City Council of Blanding, Utah..." be changed to read, "Now, therefore be it resolved the City of Blanding, Utah..." This will make the document from the City of Blanding, not the City Council.

Councilmember Lyman amended his motion to approve Resolution 11-25-2014-1 A Resolution Denouncing the Bureau of Land Management's Arbitrary Closure of Recapture Canyon, the Handling of the Recapture Canyon Protest and Calling for the Immediate Re-Opening of the Recapture Canyon Route, with the following changes. Amend the last paragraph which reads, "...The Bureau of Land Management must embrace the position of ..." to read, "...The Bureau of Land Management must adhere to the planning of..." and amend paragraph 24 to read "Now, therefore be it resolved the

City of Blanding, Utah..."Councilmember Harrison seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tempore Laws repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Harrison
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro Tempore Laws declared the motion carried.

Following the vote Councilmember Harrison expressed his appreciation to Councilmember Lyman for the effort he took in drafting the resolution. Councilmember Ogle asked about the legal documents following the resolution in the packet. Councilmember Lyman responded that was information gathered from the BLM handbook.

B. Land Exchange – Joe Lyman

Councilmember Lyman told Council that Redd's Ace Hardware is expanding their business and has requested a land trade of 408 square feet with the City to enable the new addition to their business. Currently they don't have enough land to meet the setback requirements and the trade would allow them to move forward and be in compliance. There would be no effect on the City and yet is beneficial to the business. City staff has reviewed the request and have found no positive or negative effects to the City.

Councilmember Johnson moved to approve the 408 square foot land exchange with Redd's Ace Hardware. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tempore Laws repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Harrison
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro Tempore Laws declared the motion carried.

C. Electric Master Plan Review – Terry Ekker

Mr. Ekker introduced Chris Mielke from Salient Power Engineering who has been working with the City on the electrical master plan. Mr. Mielke stated that the objectives of the project were to create GIS maps and files of the electrical system and create a system model. After the mapping was complete a set of priorities were recommended by Salient for the City's electrical system. In regards to the mapping portion of the project Mr. Mielke told Council that the City's existing maps were limited and inaccurate both spatially and in content. It was important that the maps become updated and accurate. The City does not currently have a system model. The system model shows where there are surpluses and deficits in the system. It identifies potential system overloads, voltage tolerances and available fault levels throughout the system. Modeling also provides a resource for future system planning, system upgrades, distributed generation requests and service requests.

Mr. Mielke discussed the current status of City transformers and generators, stating that some of them are close to 50 years old, and are becoming extremely outdated. In discussing system redundancy Mr. Mielke told Council that there is currently little redundancy in the system. Currently the system is non N-1 compliant on most levels. If the City system lost the 12k transformer the majority of the community would be without power. The amount of time these residents would be without power would be a few days to a week while a new transformer was found or borrowed.

In conclusion of his presentation Mr. Mielke shared a set of priorities for the system. Immediate priority projects include those that will reduce the potential for sustained outages to a large area and projects that will increase system reliability. The total projected cost of these immediate projects is estimated at \$380,000. High priorities projects including fusing, capacitors and a feeder from 4.16kV to 12.47kV for a total estimated cost of \$199,600. Low priority projects to occur over the next three to six years include projects that will eventually meet defined limits, work towards the long term system plan, allow for system flexibility and increase system reliability. Total cost of these projects is estimated at \$875,000. The ultimate goal of the electrical master plan is to bring the entire system to a single voltage of 12.47kV, create system redundancy, become N-1 contingency capable on many levels, lower system losses and create a greater sectionalization capability.

Councilmember Lyman asked what the timeline was for the entire project. Mr. Redd responded that the entire system master plan is slated to occur over a six to eight-year period. Because this is a large project, smaller yearly projects will take place moving towards a better overall system. Mr. Redd continued to tell Council that there are no plans to borrow money or use a rate increase to fund the

projects. The electric company has been saving for these projects for years in an effort to self-fund the needed upgrades.

6. **INFORMATION**

None

8. **OPEN FORUM**

Councilmember Lyman shared a letter that was written to the Mayor from Phil Lyman. He additionally asked the letter be entered into the meeting minutes. The letter reads:

Dear Mayor Balch,

In response to a long train of abuses and usurpations by the BLM, about 300 local people felt compelled to protest. On May 10, 2014 they did so in a legally organized and legally executed event. The protest was not about Recapture and it was, most certainly, not about ATV rights, it was about the disregard shown by the BLM toward our community and our interests.

The attorneys for various conservation groups who have proven themselves to be unfriendly to San Juan County were the primary instigators of the criminal charges against 5 out of the 300 participants. Had this been the first assault on honest citizens, it would be unacceptable, but when this pattern evinces a design to deprive local Citizens of their freedoms through accusations and false charges, thankfully there are men and women of character willing to Act.

I was disappointed to hear that as of last council meeting you said that "they broke the law." I am not sure to which "they" or to which "law" you were referring, but it was discouraging to hear that you had already reached a verdict as to the guilt of those spuriously charged. It was even more disappointing that you had sided with our accusers rather than relying on readily observable facts. There are some who would claim that there is no road in Recapture even while they are driving down it. The media reports are erroneous; they are being fed by the same agencies and spiteful groups that are responsible for the closure of recapture, the criminal prosecution of Ken and Dustin, the brutal raids of 2009, and now the criminal charges against me and four others, just to mention a few offenses.

You have been a great public servant and I am hopeful that your remarks were made in ignorance of the facts. It is unfortunate that the BLM has chosen to take the route of, once again, making false criminal allegations with the notion that we would simply roll over. I do not plan to do that, nor do any of the others who were charged. The BLM already dropped charges against Jay Redd citing no evidence with which to charge him; yet charge him they did. You will find the same to be true of the others who are falsely accused. I hope that the community will come together to stop the horrific and malignant treatment we have received at the hands of the BLM. I welcome the opportunity to fight this fight and I would appreciate your open-minded treatment of this matter.

Sincerely,

Phil Lyman

Josh Nielson expressed his support and appreciation to Council in passing the Recapture Resolution. It is his opinion that the protest that was held on May 10th was legal. He expressed concern that the state and the county have done nothing even though they agree the road is open.

Gary Guymon expressed his love for the area and the country. He stated his appreciation for the

efforts made by Councilmember Lyman. He stated that he believes there is a way to develop a plan that can allow everyone to enjoy the ruins and the canyon. He continued to say that the BLM is not always the enemy, he has worked with them at times reaching a solution and other times getting nowhere.

Jane Holliday read a statement written by her daughter in law.

Nicole Perkins expressed her concern that the Mayor is not reflecting the voice of Blanding. She followed up by asking where this country would be if some individuals from history had not gone against the government. It's not about the ATV trail being taken away but about our liberties being taken away.

Joe F Lyman commented that he has spent a lot of time in Recapture Canyon. It is worth fighting for. Until the closure occurred in 2007 it was a tranquil place to go through, enjoyable for those that had traveled it. Now it has become a place of turmoil because of power groups. It is something worth fighting for. He applauded the city for their support.

Tammy Redd commented that in her opinion we are not being taken over slowly, but at a faster pace. The County is currently a large percentage government lands. There is a need to denounce their power, because there is no legality to their actions. She reminded everyone of a statement made by Councilmember Lyman at a previous council meeting where he had stated that extreme groups never compromise their position, we are always compromising our position and they never do.

Lloyd Nielson stated that the people of San Juan County need to be applauded for doing what they were asked to do for seven years.

Tanner Holliday also applauded the city for their action in approving the resolution and supporting efforts to reopen Recapture Canyon. He expressed a concern he has of watching freedoms slowly taken away.

Councilmember Laws stated, "If it isn't worth fighting for, someone will take it from you".

9. **Councilmember Lyman moved to enter an executive session. Councilmember Harrison seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tempore Laws repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Ogle**

Those voting NAY

**Councilmember Harrison
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
NONE**

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro Tempore Laws declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned to executive session at 8:28 p.m.

Councilmember Lyman moved to leave the executive session. Councilmember Harrison seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tempore Laws repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Harrison
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro Tempore Laws declared the motion carried.

The Council returned to open meeting at 9:02 p.m.

Councilmember Harrison moved to adjourn. Councilmember Ogle seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tempore Laws repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Harrison
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro Tempore Laws declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

By:  _____

Kim Palmer, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
OCTOBER 28, 2014
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor:	Calvin Balch
City Councilmembers:	Kelly Laws
	Taylor Harrison
	David Johnson
	Joe B. Lyman
City Administrator:	Jeremy Redd
Finance Director:	Kim Palmer
City Engineer:	Terry Ekker
General Services Manager:	Jeff Black
Community Development Director:	Bret Hosler
Police Chief:	Lloyd Watkins

Absent: Councilmember Robert Ogle

Community Members: Trent Herring, Terri Laws

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Jeremy Redd

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Lyman moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the October 14, 2014 meeting, with the amendments page 2. Councilmember Harrison seconded the motion. Mayor Balch repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Harrison
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Lyman**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Balch declared the motion carried.

3. **OPEN FORUM**

A. Chief Watkins introduced Steven Harlow as the new police officer. Officer Harlow has been on the job since the first of October. He is training with Officer Hillhouse.

4. **REPORTS/DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

A. Terry Ekker presented the Project Status Report.

12" Mountain Line Replacement

Final inspection on the project will take place on Thursday.

Blanding 2014 Waterline Projects

The project is complete. Councilmember Lyman asked about the progress in re-scoping the remaining funds from the project. Jeremy responded that he is working on getting that done. But had nothing concrete to report at this time.

Power Master Plan

The power master plan will be presented to Council on Tuesday, November 25, 2014 in council meeting.

2014 Blanding Power Distribution Project

Pre-bid/site showing will be held on November 25, 2014. Bid opening for the project will take place on December 4, 2014. The bid award will occur on December 9, 2014 in Council meeting.

Eastside Sewer Trunk Line Project

The project is entering the land/right of way acquisition phase of the project. There are a few realignments taking place on land owned by the Shumway family.

2015 Streets Project

The project cost estimates have been completed. The scope of work has been completed and submitted to the San Juan County Transportation Special Service District. The funding application has been submitted to the CIB, and will be placed on their calendar for consideration in the next three months.

B. Financial Report – Kim Palmer

Ms. Palmer presented the September 2014 financial status report. Water revenues are climbing as a result of the recent water rate increase. Natural Gas revenues are lower in comparison to other utilities because we are just entering the cold months when gas sales increase.

5. **AGENDA ITEMS**

A. Water Purchase Agreement – Blanding Cemetery District – Jeremy Redd

Mr. Redd shared with Council the need for a water purchase agreement with the Cemetery District. The agreement would benefit the district and allow them to better budget for water purchases and will be in

effect for five years. The agreement states that the cemetery district would pay \$7,000 per year for 40 acre feet of water. If there was a need to reduce the amount allotted the water would be sold to the District at a rate of \$175 per acre foot. Councilmember Laws reminded those in attendance that the water belongs to the citizens of Blanding and if there is a need to reduce the amount going to the cemetery the City must tell them it is to be reduced. Mr. Redd also shared that the agreement has been reviewed for legal issues by the City attorney.

B. Ordinance 2014-3 – Electronic Meeting Participation – Jeremy Redd

Mr. Redd told Council that an ordinance must be place to legally allow for electronic meeting participation. It was determined that those attending electronically would be required to follow the same meeting guidelines as those attending in person. An individual could enter the meeting late or leave early, just as they can do if they are attending in the council chambers. Councilmember Laws stated that the actions of Councilmembers will be approved or disapproved by the community at election time. Councilmember Harrison asked how the individual would attend the meeting electronically. Mr. Redd responded that whatever technology is used, the audience must be able to hear the individual participating electronically and that individual must be able to hear the audience. The ordinance will now go to a public hearing before returning for Council approval.

6. INFORMATION

A. Sales Tax Allocation – Jeremy Redd

Mr. Redd shared with Council that according to the information provided by the Sales Tax Commission there has been an increase of 300 residents since the last federal census in 2010. This is an increase of 2.2%. He then told Council that the impact from this growth will lead to a .30% increase in Sales Tax revenue.

B. Planning Commission Update – Joe Lyman

Councilmember Lyman told Council that the Planning Commission is working on proposing changes to the City annexation policy which was adopted in 1991. When they have proposed changes ready it will be presented to the Council.

Mr. Hosler announced a training that will be held on November 20th for the Planning Commission. The Commission has invited San Juan County and Monticello City to participate. Councilmember Lyman will also be inviting the City Councils from both communities to attend.

C. Hydrant Flushing – November 3-5 – Terry Ekker

Mr. Ekker reported that the water system flushing has been scheduled to take place on November 3rd - 5th. Flyers have been placed throughout the community and with customer billing statements. It has also been advertised in the local paper and will be placed on social media.

7. **OPEN FORUM**

A. Trent Herring, from Blue Mountain Hospital asked about water discoloration water issues that have occurred at the south end of the City, particularly the hospital. He questioned if it was a result of Well B coming back online. Mr. Ekker responded that it could likely be the case. Mr. Redd stated that the flushing that will be happening should have a positive impact on sediment and water discoloration. He continued to say that the City wants to provide clear, safe drinking water to the community. If the flushing does not resolve the discolored water Mr. Herring has occasionally seen at the Hospital, he should contact the water department and the City will work with them resolve the issue.

8. **Councilmember Lyman moved to enter an executive session. Councilmember Harrison seconded the motion. Mayor Balch repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Harrison
Councilmember Lyman
NONE**

Those voting NAY

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Balch declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned to an Executive Session at 7:45 p.m.

Councilmember Lyman moved to leave the executive session and return to open meeting.

Councilmember Harrison seconded the motion. Mayor Balch repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Harrison
Councilmember Lyman
NONE**

Those voting NAY

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Balch declared the motion carried.

Council returned to open session at 8:58 pm

Councilmember Harrison moved to adjourn. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Balch repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Johnson

Councilmember Laws

Councilmember Harrison

Councilmember Lyman

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Balch declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

By: 

Kim Palmer, Deputy Recorder

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BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
OCTOBER 14, 2014
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor:	Calvin Balch
City Councilmembers:	David Johnson
	Robert Ogle
	Taylor Harrison
	Joe B. Lyman
	Kelly Laws
Finance Director:	Kim Palmer
City Engineer:	Terry Ekker
General Services Manager:	Jeff Black
Community Development Director:	Bret Hosler
City Police Chief	Lloyd Watkins
City Fire Chief	Craig Stanley

Community Members: Kendall Laws, Terri Laws, Rodney Workman, Brayan Palmer

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by David Johnson

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Lyman moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the September 23, 2014 meeting. Councilmember Ogle seconded the motion. Mayor Balch repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Harrison
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Johnson**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Balch declared the motion carried.

3. **OPEN FORUM**

A. Bryan Palmer spoke to council about the accident that he had when he fell into an open water meter at his home. He questioned Council about what they were going to do to cover his medical costs from the incident. Mayor Balch responded to Mr. Palmer's question stating that a meeting had been held between Mr. Palmer and City Manager, Jeremy Redd regarding the situation. The ball was now in Mr. Palmer's court regarding the situation.

4. **REPORTS/DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

A. Terry Ekker presented the September 2014 Gas and Water Report

Mr. Ekker reported that gas usage was up from last year, most likely a result of new services that have been added over the past year. Three new services were added during the month of September.

Mr. Ekker reported that Recapture is 840 acre feet below conservation level. In order to offer irrigation water to local farmers the reservoir would need to increase by an equivalent to double an average water year. This is double what would be an average water year. Precipitation is at 85% of average. The current water year has ended.

B. Chief Lloyd Watkins presented the September 2014 Police Report.

Chief Watkins reported there had been eight reported car burglaries overnight. Department officers will be visiting with individuals during the evening to see if anyone has any information about those burglaries. Mayor Balch asked if the vehicles were locked and broken into. Chief Watkins responded that the vehicles were open and there were keys left in some of the vehicles.

C. Craig Stanley presented the September 2014 Fire Report.

Chief Stanley reported that September had been a slow month, consisting of three landing zones at the hospital, a tree fire and a truck fire. The department participated in the Operation Wildfire training, a county wide disaster drill. During the next month they will be training with the Fire Rescue Academy, doing live fire training.

D. Kim Palmer presented the September 2014 Recreation Report.

Mrs. Palmer reported that flag football has completed and tackle has two more weeks. Girls' basketball registration is currently under-way. City parks are currently being winterized and the pool is drained and ready for winter. Revenues are holding steady in comparison to last year.

5. **AGENDA ITEMS**

A. Approve Ordinance 2014-2 – Sale of Surplus Property – Kim Palmer

Mrs. Palmer told Council that the proposed ordinance has been discussed and through a public hearing and is now back for approval.

Councilmember Johnson moved to approve *Ordinance 2014-2 – Sale of Surplus Property*,

Councilmember Harrison seconded the motion. Mayor Balch repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Ogle

Councilmember Lyman

Councilmember Harrison

Councilmember Laws

Councilmember Johnson

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Balch declared the motion carried.

B. Hydrant Flushing/Well Water into Raw Water System – Terry Ekker

Mr. Ekker reminded Council of prior discussions about water quality and concerns expressed by citizens in regards to the well water. At the request of Council City, staff contacted water engineers to give their opinions and suggestions for improving the quality of the well water to some customers.

He continued to share that the quality issues in the system include, taste, odors, arsenic, hardness, chlorine residual, disinfection byproducts, water age and tuberculation. Complaints from customers have included milky appearance, red/brown color, mineral deposits and staining of fixtures.

Councilmember Laws stated that according to the document well water has been typically under the primary drinking water standard of 10 ppb. Mr. Ekker concurred that average of overall testing shows water is always under the 10 ppb. Water samples are taken monthly at John Brakes and Tahnee Lampo where the well water enters the water system. Councilmember Laws expressed his concern that the document does not state the fact that the readings are consistently under the drinking water standard, but rather imply that there are instances when the test results come back above that level. This is in conflict with what is being told to the community. Mayor Balch asked if there have been samples higher than 10 ppb. Mr. Ekker responded yes, there have been samples above the level, but that does not mean the City is out of compliance. Utah Division of Drinking Water standards require the average stays at 10 ppb or below. You are out of compliance if you average climbs above 10 ppb. He continued to tell Council that the technical memorandum is for information only and that the engineer who completed the project did not have all the readings, but rather a sample of them. Councilmember Lyman stated that it's the accumulation of arsenic over a period of time that can cause issues, not a one time reading. Councilmember Laws agreed, however he was still concerned with the terminology in the document. The document implies that there are times when the City is out of compliance. Mr. Ekker told Council that over the past 13 months, samples at John Brakes have an average of 7.0 in arsenic, well below the state

requirement. Six-months of samples from Tahnee Lampo average 1.2. Councilmember Ogle asked if the hospital ever shared their results with the City and compared them. Mr. Ekker responded that he had not seen any results from the sampling done at the hospital. He shared that the hospital sends their samples to a lab in Florida. Councilmember Laws once again expressed his desire to see the document read consistently below the 10 ppb rather than the term typically.

Mr. Ekker continued his presentation by restating that well water is very hard. Tuberculation in the lines can cause problems. When a reverse flow is done, such as when the well water is put into the system materials in the bottom of those pipes get stirred up and that is when residents see discolored water. Councilmember Johnson asked if flushing will clear up the discolored water. Mr. Ekker responded that flushing will eliminate a lot of the debris in the pipes. After the flushing is completed there are things that can be completed to break up what is left and then flush it out again. He would like to flush the lines annually to eliminate the buildup in the pipes.

The flushing plan was designed when the water master plan was completed and consists of using 36 hydrants, moving north to south and maintaining 20PSI to flush the lines. How long each hydrant has been designed in the master plan. One hydrant at a time will be opened during the flushing, except the first opening will consist of two hydrants. Mr. Ekker then told Council that the flushing will require 1 to 1.5 acre feet of water. It is imperative that public awareness of the event take place well ahead of the date it is scheduled.

Mr. Ekker then shared two options given in the technical memorandum for reducing some of the concerns expressed by the community about water quality. The first option was to treat the water from Wells B & C before it is ever put into the system. This would remove the arsenic and could improve the taste. However, the costs hover between \$700,000 and \$1 million dollars. There would also be ongoing operations and maintenance costs, with the possibility of increased personnel costs.

The second option is to transfer the well water into the raw water system. Mr. Ekker expressed his extreme dislike of this option pointing out the numerous cons to this option which include the culinary transmission line becoming a secondary line, 5% loss in backwash, seepage loss, evaporation loss and loss of redundancy. The loss of redundancy is the biggest negative to the option. The pro is the increased water quality to all citizens in the system.

Councilmember Johnson commented that it appears the second option is a tradeoff of one problem for another. Mr. Ekker commented that water quality is an issue faced by many communities statewide.

Councilmember Harrison quoted the last paragraph from the document. 'Utah Drinking Water rules typically do not allow drinking water system and pressurized secondary systems to be connected.' Mr. Ekker stated that the sentence should state that it is never allowed.

Mr. Ekker asked Council for direction on how they would like him to proceed from here. Councilmember

Laws responded that we have done what the community has asked us to do and now we need to respond to them. The question on the table is do we really want to lose the redundancy provided. Councilmember Lyman stated the costs are viable only if we are out of compliance and we are not. Councilmember suggested flushing the system and then reevaluate the situation. Mr. Ekker commented that all water is meeting state and federal laws.

C. Discussion of Ordinance 2014-3 – Electronic Meeting Participation – Kim Palmer

Mrs. Palmer told Council that the Electronic Meeting Participation ordinance is required to be in place if a councilmember would like to participate in the meeting from outside council chambers. The ordinance will require that a quorum be present in the council chambers for the meeting. Councilmember Ogle asked if the individual participated electronically had to participate for the full meeting or could they just participate for a portion of the meeting. Mrs. Palmer responded that, that would be Council's choice to include that in the ordinance. After further discussion it was determined that any one participating electronically would need be connected for the entire meeting, to be considered in attendance. Councilmember Laws asked if the ordinance had been reviewed by legal counsel. It is his understanding that all ordinances and policies must be reviewed by legal counsel before presented to the Council. Mrs. Palmer responded she did not know if it had been.

D. Hiring Policy Review – Kim Palmer

Mrs. Palmer covered the hiring policy. She told Council that the City personnel policy defines who is considered a relative and how that potential relationship is dealt with in the hiring of employees. She then shared information about rehires and how they are handled with City policy. An individual seeking to be rehired by the City will be processed the same as other applications. The mayor or manager will review the former employee's personnel records and the circumstances surrounding their termination of employment with the City. Those individuals that were terminated for cause will not be eligible for rehire. Those that are rehired will serve a probationary time period. If the individual had resigned voluntarily or was laid off they will retain their original anniversary date for seniority purposes. Mrs. Palmer then told Council that although policy does not require full-time positions hired by committee the City has always hired full-time, benefitted position by committee. Part-time, temporary or in house hires are not chosen by committee. Council will approve those positions that are appointed including the City manager, treasurer, police chief and fire chief. Councilmember Laws asked if it was mandatory that an employee be given a three-month probation. Mayor Balch responded that he felt the wording of at least three-months left the possibility of the probation being longer if needed. The department supervisor could make the decision on how long of probation was needed for the position. Councilmember Laws asked if it was legal to extend a stated probationary period. Chief Watkins commented that in his experience he has extended probationary time for individuals who needed a more time. He didn't see that it was ever a problem and was actually beneficial to the training of those officers. Mayor commented that the wording in the policy gives the impression

the probationary period could be extended if needed, but is at least 3 months. Councilmember Lyman question the use of a pool for the selection of the newest officer. He commented that current policy does not include anything regarding pools, just as it does not include anything about hiring committees. These are common practices that are not policy. Mayor Balch stated that the hiring committee that was used to select officers in April recommended applicants in an order of one, two, three, four etc. If applicant number one declined the offer, then number two would be offered and so on. This latest hire was off that recommended list. Councilmember Lyman responded saying with the context of the police department changing he would done something different, but it is the Mayor's decision to open it up or not. Councilmember Ogle asked if there was a definition of what a pool was and does using a pool eliminate the need for additional advertising. The Mayor responded by saying it would depend on how long you had selected to use the pool. Councilmember Ogle then asked if there was policy regarding the use of a pool in the selection process. The Mayor responded that it is a practice not a policy. Councilmember Laws stated that the change in the police chief could have brought out different applicants and possibly more or less of them. The Mayor commented that may have happened or it may not have. We have goals for the department and we were happy with the pool of individuals we had still available from the last hire. Councilmember Lyman requested that the personnel hiring policy be changed to include the City use of hiring pools and also all full-time benefitted employees be hired by committee. Councilmember Laws expressed his frustration with no notification of the newest hire in the police department. He had heard of the hire from a community member. He would like to be notified of any new hire that takes place.

6. **INFORMATION**

A. Fire Fighting Water Payment Received – Kim Palmer

Mrs. Palmer reported that the \$3000 owed by the Forest Service for water used to fight fires in a prior year was received. In addition the current year's bill of \$1000 has also been paid.

7. **OPEN FORUM**

Rodney Workman commented on the hiring policy. The application announcement that was released last spring stated two officers were needed and no information about creating a pool was included. It is his opinion that because no pool was mentioned in the announcement a pool cannot be generated for future hires. Council will seek legal counsel on the issue. Mr. Workman continued to share his feelings regarding the apology that was expressed by Mayor Balch in the January 14th council meeting. He felt that the apology needed to be directed at the individual who was offended. Mr. Workman reminded

Mayor Balch of the quote by Elder Uchtdorf the Mayor had used during that apology and asked that he keep those comments in mind as he moves forward over the next couple of months.

8. **Councilmember Lyman moved to adjourn. Councilmember Harrison seconded the motion. Mayor Balch repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Johnson

Councilmember Ogle

Councilmember Lyman

Councilmember Harrison

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Balch declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

By: _____



Kim Palmer, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
SEPTEMBER 23, 2014
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor:	Calvin Balch
City Councilmembers:	Kelly Laws
	Robert Ogle
	Taylor Harrison
	David Johnson
	Joe B. Lyman
City Administrator:	Jeremy Redd
Finance Director:	Kim Palmer
City Engineer:	Terry Ekker
General Services Manager:	Jeff Black
Community Development Director:	Bret Hosler
Police Chief:	Lloyd Watkins

Community Members: Kendall Laws, Terri Laws, Rodney Workman, Kay Johnson, Michelle Johnson

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Kim Palmer

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Laws moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the August 23, 2014 meeting. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Balch repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Harrison
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Lyman**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Balch declared the motion carried.

3. **OPEN FORUM**

A. None

4. **REPORTS/DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

A. Mr. Ekker presented the August 2014 Gas and Water Report

Mr. Ekker reported that one new gas services was installed during the month of August. However, there has been several requests for natural gas during the month of September.

Mr. Ekker told council that precipitation is at 80% of normal after the recent rains. There is 300 plus acre feet more of water in storage. This is more than last year. Well C is currently down because of a broken VFD. It has been sent for repairs. Well B is also still down, no splice or broken power cable was discovered. The pump is probably the problem and will be pulled tomorrow to verify. Councilmember Johnson asked if the City had ordered the spare VFD. Mr. Redd responded that the replacement has not been ordered. That money will be used to repair Well B and Well C. Crews are working to discover what is causing these problems. Councilmember Johnson stated that it has been his experience that the wells are in a high lightning area.

B. Chief Watkins presented the August 2014 Police Report.

Chief Watkins reported that a new police officer has been hired and will start on October 1st. The new officer has been working in the Salt Lake City court system as a bailiff for past two years. He will receive field training for the first six weeks and then will be scheduled while other officers are on so they can assist him if needed. Councilmember Laws asked where the new officer was from. The Chief responded that he is from Ogden, is married and has two young children.

He asked the Council for consent to hire Lehi Lacy and Jeremy Homedew as part time reserve officers for the City. Colby Turk and Cal Dean Black are currently on the reserve roster. These part time officers will be working when City officers need to be gone. This will provide better coverage for the community during those times.

Nancy Mahaffey, the current department secretary has resigned and will be leaving at the first of October. Interviews for her replacement will be held on Wednesday.

Statistics from August were then shared by Chief Watkins. Total offenses were down by 11.5% from last year. Total citations and violations were also down. Councilmember Lyman asked what this meant.

Chief Watkins responded that he hoped it meant his office was curtailing crime. He continued to say that reduction is a good thing.

C. Jeremy Redd presented the August 2014 Fire Report.

Mr. Redd told Council that Chief Stanley had to suddenly leave town. He directed the Council to a document that he had received from Chief Stanley outlining August's activities. The department will be participating in live fire training next month with Monticello and Grand County fire departments.

D. Jeremy Redd presented the August 2014 Recreation Report.

Mr. Redd told Council that Mr. Palmer had surgery and was unable to attend the meeting. He continued to tell the Council that soccer has been completed, football is in full swing and girl's basketball registrations are being accepted. The pool has been drained for the season. Winterizing of the parks will begin soon. Mayor Balch asked how long Lawn Max will continue to mow this season. Mr. Redd responded until mid-October.

A. Terry Ekker presented the Project Status Report.

12" Mountain Line Replacement

The Contractor has to complete punch list items. Dry Wash Spur Line construction is almost completed. 100% of the pipe has been laid. Structures and punch list items are still left to complete on the Dry Wash Line. Councilmember Laws asked how long the punch list was going to take. Mr. Ekker responded that they have not been pressured to complete the list because they were also working on the spur line.

Blanding 2014 Waterline Projects

The project is complete. There are grant funds leftover and it is hoped that they can be re-scoped and used for other water projects.

Power Master Plan

The mapping portion of the project has been completed. The system modeling is also complete. The draft of the Capital Facilities Plan has been approved and the final report is being prepared. The project is being put together for bid, based on the amount approved by Council for this fiscal year. Advertising will begin within a month. A presentation and final report will be made to Council in late October or early November. Councilmember Lyman asked what the actual project was. Mr. Ekker responded that there are several components in the plan. Each of the projects will be categorized as high, medium or low priority.

East Side Sewer Trunk Line

The alignment feasibility and right of way investigation is complete. Purchasing of easements will soon begin. The funding application process is ready to begin also.

Jelly Sewer Project

Project is 100% complete. It was completed on time and under budget.

2015 Streets Project

Project cost estimates have been completed. The scope of work has been completed and submitted to the San Juan County Transportation Special Service District. The application will be prepared and submitted this fall. Councilmember Laws commented that CIB has committed all of their current funding, which may make getting the funds difficult. Mr. Redd commented that awarding will be delayed but CIB is still requesting that communities submit their project requests.

B. Financial Report – Kim Palmer

Ms. Palmer presented the August 2014 financial status report. Water revenues are climbing as a result of the recent water rate increase.

5. PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE 2014-2- SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

Councilmember Lyman moved to enter a public hearing for Ordinance 2014-2 Sale of Surplus Property. Councilmember Harrison seconded the motion. Mayor Balch repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Harrison
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Lyman**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Balch declared the motion carried.

No comments were made regarding the proposed ordinance

Councilmember Johnson moved to leave the public hearing and return to regular session. Councilmember Ogle seconded the motion. Mayor Balch repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Harrison
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Lyman**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Balch declared the motion carried.

6. **AGENDA ITEMS**

A. Board of Adjustments Approval – Mayor Balch

Mr. Hosler told Council that Steve Wilcox, Rodney Kyles and Holly Walker have been visited about sitting on the Board of Adjustments. All three have agreed to serve on the board. Councilmember Laws asked if it would be best to rotate individuals on and off the board rather than have to basically create a new board from time to time. Mr. Hosler responded that per the City Land Use policy a member sits on the board for a 3-5 year term. Councilmember Lyman commented that because they meet so infrequently there is always a need for retraining when they do come together. Mayor Balch moved to appoint Steven Wilcox, Rodney Kyles and Holly Walker to the Board of Adjustments. Advice and consent was given by the City Council for the appointments.

B. UAMPS Report – Jeremy Redd/Kay Johnson

Mr. Redd showed a video that went with the brochure included in the packet. The video discussed the different components of UAMPS and their role in providing power to its members. The newest piece being investigated by Blanding and UAMPS is small modular nuclear power.

Mr. Redd reminded Council that it could take up to 10 years before power could be generated through these small nuclear reactors. Government regulations and costs will slow down the process. However, these plants should come on line about the same time as the coal plants go off line. Mr. Johnson added that UAMPS has recently invested \$100,000 to continue the study of nuclear power. Councilmember Lyman asked how the power generated by these nuclear reactors compares to the power generated at a coal plant. Mr. Johnson responded they are comparable in providing megawatts.

Mr. Johnson told Council that at the last UAMPS meeting, Mr. Redd was placed on six of the eight project boards and was also elected as chairman of the Natural Gas board. He had never seen this happen with a new member.

Mr. Redd presented Mr. Johnson with a plaque recognizing December 9, 2014 as a day of honor for Kay Johnson in Blanding. The plaque is in appreciation of the many years of service Mr. Johnson has given to the City in purchasing power and serving as the UAMPS representative for the City. Mr. Johnson expressed his appreciation for the support the City has given him over the years.

C. Electric Newsletter Approval – Jeremy Redd

Mr. Redd told Council that the newsletter in the packet would be distributed to City residents with their monthly bill this month. The goal of the newsletter is public awareness. Much of the information will answer many of the questions residents may have about the City's electric utility. The newsletter also provides general information about the online bill pay and the equal pay options. Councilmember Ogle commended Lisa Rarick for the excellent job she does at the front desk serving customers. He continued to say that he had witnessed the amount of time it takes her to input payments and how much more efficient it is for customers and staff if payments are made online. Councilmember Lyman asked what process ensures customers do not get too far behind or ahead with the equal pay option. Ms. Palmer responded that equal pay payments are evaluated each April to ensure the amount is in line with their usage over the prior year. Payment amounts are adjusted based on actual yearly usage amounts. City staff also monitor accounts throughout the year to ensure changes do not have to be made mid-year, but this rarely is the case. Individuals who choose the equal pay option must meet requirements that include owning the residence and having one year of continuous usage.

D. Approval of 2013/2014 Audited Financial Reports – Jeremy Redd/Kim Palmer

Kim Palmer shared highlights of the 2013/2014 audited financial reports with the Council. She pointed out that the City's net position had increased by \$614,754 from the prior year. Assets exceeded liabilities by \$44,723,291 and of that amount \$6,785,409 was unrestricted. Total debt has decreased by \$556,413. Total debt is \$6,936,658. She then stated that there was almost enough unrestricted funds to pay off all the City's debt if there was ever a need to do so, but much of the debt carries little or no interest. Water income was down 12% due mostly to the reduction of water use and sales. Water expenses are up by 13% due to the cost of pumping the wells and well maintenance. Water still had a positive cash flow of \$85,589. Ms. Palmer then stated that overall the City is in an excellent financial position.

Councilmember Harrison moved to approve the 2013/2014 Audited Financial Reports. Councilmember Ogle seconded the motion. Mayor Balch repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Johnson

Councilmember Ogle

Councilmember Laws

Councilmember Harrison

Councilmember Lyman

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Balch declared the motion carried.

7. INFORMATION

Mayor Balch commented on his attendance at the Utah League of Cities and Towns meetings that he had attended recently. Councilmembers Harrison and Ogle had also attended. He stated that the meetings and training were very helpful and enjoyable. He shared a quote made by David Church in one of the sessions he attended. He said, "One of the worst things a council can do is make a decision based on precedent".

Councilmember Lyman asked for an item to be placed on the next Council meetings' agenda to inform the Council regarding the City's police department hiring policy.

8. OPEN FORUM

A. Richard and Debbie Averill who live at 363 W and 200 South expressed concern about the recently backfilled sewer line on their street. The trench is sinking and will eventually sink into the sewer pipe if not repaired, which will cause an issue at their home. Mr. Ekker responded by saying there are issues in the area and that the City is working to remedy those problems. The line has already been repaired twice.

9. Councilmember Johnson moved to adjourn. Councilmember Harrison seconded the motion. Mayor Balch repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Johnson

Councilmember Ogle

Councilmember Laws

Councilmember Harrison

Councilmember Lyman

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Balch declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

By: 

Kim Palmer, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
AUGUST 26, 2014
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor:

Calvin Balch

City Councilmembers:

Joe B Lyman

Robert Ogle

Kelly Laws

Taylor Harrison

David Johnson

City Administrator:

Jeremy Redd

Finance Director:

Kim Palmer

City Engineer:

Terry Ekker

General Services Manager:

Jeff Black

Community Development Director:

Bret Hosler

Police Chief:

Lloyd Watkins

Community Members: Kendall Laws

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Taylor Harrison.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Lyman moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the August 12, 2014 meeting, Councilmember Ogle seconded the motion. Mayor Balch repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Lyman

Councilmember Ogle

Councilmember Laws

Councilmember Harrison

Councilmember Johnson

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Balch declared the motion carried.

3. **OPEN FORUM**

None

4. **REPORTS/DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

A. Terry Ekker presented the Project Status Report.

12" Mountain Line Replacement

The Contractor is working to complete punch list items. The Dry Wash spur line construction has begun and 90% of the pipe has been laid. The spur line is about 5,000 feet long. The connections and structures are not yet complete on Dry Wash line.

Blanding 2014 Waterline Projects

Project is complete. The City is working to re-scope the remainder of the funding for additional projects.

Power Master Plan

The mapping portion of the project has been completed. The system modeling is complete. A draft of the Capital Facilities Plan is currently being reviewed by staff.

East Side Sewer Trunk Line

The alignment feasibility and right of way investigation is complete. Staff is currently verifying current property owners and creating draft easement descriptions so that the right of way acquisition can begin.

2014 Sewer Project (Jelly Sewer)

This project is currently underway and is about 50% complete. There have been some minor change orders due to the unanticipated rock excavation and issues with storm water run-off, but the project is still under budget.

2015 Streets Project

Project preliminary cost estimation is underway to better define scope of work.

B. Kim Palmer presented the July Financial Report

Mrs. Palmer told Council that a presentation of the City's financial status will be given each month as required by state law. She then pointed out several areas of the report. Sales and room taxes that came in for July totaled \$47,478.10. Fines and forfeitures were currently at \$16,399.96. However this number is misleading because of the timing of when the state court report is completed, which will reduce the amount. She continued to tell Council that the miscellaneous revenue account includes the Wellness Center, Visitor Center, income from recreation registrations and others. She concluded by informing the Council that the Enterprise funds were all in good financial condition.

C. Chief Lloyd Watkins presented the Police Status Report

Chief Watkins shared his appreciation with council for their support in his new position as the City Police Chief. He told Council that a goal he has set is to make sure there are enough training opportunities for the City's officers. He will be working more dayshift hours to be more available to the community. He is also working on some policies and procedures for the department and is looking for ways to improve the department. He asked Council to contact him if they have any questions and or suggestions. Mayor Balch asked what type of training he had been attending. Chief Watkins responded that he had attended an informative narcotics training. One thing he learned from the training was that butane is being used to take marijuana and turn it into hash oil. He will be contacting local businesses that sell butane asking for their help in identifying its misuse.

5. AGENDA ITEMS

A. Resolution 8-26-2014-1 – Honoring Kay R. Johnson – Mayor Balch

Councilmember Lyman moved to adopt Resolution 8-26-2014-1 – Honoring Kay R. Johnson, Councilmember Ogle seconded the motion. Mayor Balch repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Harrison
Councilmember Johnson**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Balch declared the motion carried.

Mr. Redd told Council that a nice plaque would be given to Kay in recognition of his service to the City of Blanding. The plaque will include the resolution.

B. Surplus Property Discussion – Jeremy Redd

Mr. Redd shared information about the new policy regarding the disposal of surplus property. Currently any item that is no longer needed can only be disposed of with Council approval. The policy changes would allow the City Administrator to authorize the disposition of the property with a value of less than \$500. Councilmember Lyman stated that the proposed policy appears to be what the Council had intended it to be. The new policy will go to a public hearing before approval by the Council.

Mr. Redd asked for Council's approval to start advertising the truck that was not sold at the last auction. He recommends the minimum bid be set at \$3,000. Council gave advice and consent for Mr. Redd to rebid the 2003 Ford truck, with a minimum bid of \$3,000.

C. Cancel City Council Meeting – September 9th – Mayor Balch

Due to the Utah League of Cities and Town Conference the week of September 9th Council gave advice and consent to cancel the September 9, 2014 council meeting.

6. INFORMATION

A. Councilmember Johnson asked if anything was being done about the weeds on the property owned by the school district on 800 North and 100 West. He has been contacted by community members who have found it difficult to use the sidewalks due to the overgrowth of weeds. Mr. Redd responded that he spoke with the school district regarding the situation. The district responded that this is a low priority for them at this point. Mr. Redd continued to state that the ordinance allows the city to be their own complainant and contact the district because of the damage the weeds could be doing to the sidewalks in the area. He will also contact other property owners that have a similar issue.

7. OPEN FORUM

A. None

8. Councilmember Harrison moved to adjourn. Councilmember Ogle seconded the motion. Mayor Balch repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Harrison
Councilmember Johnson**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Balch declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

By: 
Kim Palmer, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
AUGUST 12, 2014
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor:

City Councilmembers:

Calvin Balch
Robert Ogle
Taylor Harrison
Joe Lyman
David Johnson
Kelly Laws
Jeremy Redd
Lisa Rarick
Terry Ekker
Jeff Black
Bret Hosler
Craig Stanley

City Administrator:

City Clerk:

City Engineer:

General Services Manager:

Community Development Director:

Fire Chief:

Community Members: Kendall Ekker, Ilene Black, Terri Laws, Trent Herring, Kendall Laws, Codi Orr, Diane Balch, Clayton Long, Shauna Hurst, Hans Hurst

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Mayor Balch.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Johnson moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the July 22, 2014 meeting. Councilmember Ogle seconded the motion. Mayor Balch had a question on the financial disbursements, page 6. Why were the utilities so high for the park at 550 S Main? Mr. Redd stated he would review the utilities. It was possible that it could be due to the water meter not being read for several months. Mayor Balch repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Harrison
Councilmember Laws**

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Balch declared the motion carried.

3. **OPEN FORUM**
None

4. **REPORTS/DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

A. Mr. Ekker presented the July 2014 Gas and Water Reports

Mr. Ekker reported there was one new gas service installed during the month of July. Mayor Balch asked if most of the new homes are installing natural gas to which Mr. Ekker responded yes.

Mr. Ekker reported that precipitation is 66% of average and there would need to be rainfall of two inches per week through the end of September to get back to average.

Mayor Balch was concerned that Recapture Reservoir was 900 acre feet below the conservation level.

Councilmember Lyman questioned the amount of ditch loss and theft. Mr. Ekker reported that it is normal during the months of July and August to lose significant amounts of water each month due to evaporation.

Mr. Ekker reported that the contractors have begun work on the Dry Wash pipeline.

B. July 2014 Police Report – No Report

C. Chief Stanley presented the July 2014 Fire Report

Chief Stanley reported that the month of July was a busy one for the fire department. There were 11 brush/wildland fires and one structure fire. He stated that all firefighting agencies are concerned with the dry conditions and responding quickly to any reports of fire.

Councilmember Lyman asked if burn permits are required. Chief Stanley responded that residents are required to get burn permits at this time.

D. Mr. Redd presented the July 2014 Recreation Report

Mr. Redd informed the Council that Mr. Palmer was absent due to a funeral. Mr. Redd reported that participation numbers are up a bit compared to last year. Soccer was underway and football was just finishing up registrations. Revenue is holding fairly even compared to last year.

Councilmember Johnson was concerned with the conditions at Central Park. The grass is looking bad and very dry. Mr. Redd responded that he would have Mr. Palmer assess the situation.

5. AGENDA ITEMS

A. July 4th Parade Winner Presentations – Councilmember Ogle

Councilmember Ogle thanked the 4th of July Committee for an outstanding job and reported that they will continue to serve for at least one more year. He announced the parade winners as follows: 1st Place Blue Mountain Hospital; 2nd Place Tri-Hurst Construction; 3rd Place Bluff Fort; Honorable Mentions The Flower Shop and San Juan Pharmacy.

Parade Chairperson Ilene Black was invited to present the trophies. Codi Orr and Trent Herring were present to accept the 1st Place trophy for Blue Mountain Hospital. Shauna

Hurst and Hans Hurst were present to accept the 2nd Place trophy. Representatives for the other entities were not able to attend the meeting.

B. Beehive Drive Event Report – Jeremy Redd

Mr. Redd reported that the Beehive Drive event occurred on July 30, 2014. There were about 25 luxury sports cars in the group. The City hosted a lunch for the participants. The public was invited to meet the drivers and view the cars. The cars were available for the public to view, sit in, get their pictures taken, etc. The Beehive Drive organization made a \$6,000 donation to the City which can be used on any city project that benefits the community. Commemorative coins for the Beehive Drive organization were presented to each council member.

C. Blue Mountain Tunnel Inspection Report – Terry Ekker

Mr. Ekker reported that during the first week of August he along with Jeff Black, Jeremy Redd, and Patrick Parsons had inspected the tunnel. Pictures of several areas were provided for the council to view. Mr. Ekker reported the general condition was good with the majority of the tunnel being at least 30 inches wide without obstructions. There were a couple of areas that had some rubble but it was still adequate for water flow.

Councilmember Lyman stated he had requested being notified to go when there was another tunnel inspection but was not notified. He wants to be included next time. Mr. Redd stated another trip could be planned if there was enough interest from councilmembers.

Councilmember Johnson was interested to know if there was some type of history of what the community did when the tunnel was completed when it was opened in the early 1950's.

D. Surplus Property Policy Discussion – Jeremy Redd

Mr. Redd presented a proposed change to the current policy for disposal of public property. He would like the policy to allow the city administrator to declare property surplus valued at less than \$10,000 and be able to dispose of it by various means and not just by sealed bid. Anything above \$10,000 would be declared surplus property by the city council and disposal of any property for less than fair market value would have to be approved by city council.

A discussion ensued with Councilmember Laws and Councilmember Lyman concerned that the public should all have an equal opportunity to purchase surplus property and that it might put the city administrator in an awkward position to make the determination of what should be sold as surplus property.

Councilmember Harrison felt the new policy could be used with the exception that the council would make the decision on what would be advertised as surplus property.

Mayor Balch felt that anything that had been through the bid process would be properly advertised to the public and those items that didn't sell could be put up for sale by the city administrator.

Councilmember Laws would like to see all surplus property advertised in the city newsletter or insert included in the utility bill to allow all citizens an equal opportunity.

Mr. Redd will redraft the ordinance with the recommendations from the council and bring it back for discussion at the next council meeting.

E. Appoint Police Chief – Mayor Balch

Mayor Balch reported that the city was currently in need of a new police chief. He commended Assistant Police Chief Mike Bradford for the fine job he has provided to the city during the interim. Mayor Balch stated he had reviewed several candidates and made a motion to nominate Lloyd Watkins as the new police chief and asked for support from the council. There were several items that would need to be discussed if council were in favor and if they were not in favor there was no use in pursuing the appointment. He had given council plenty of time to check out Mr. Watkins previous service and no one had expressed that they had any major concerns about him. Mayor Balch reported that Mr. Watkins had ten years of experience as a chief.

Councilmember Lyman said he thought Mr. Watkins was highly qualified but was concerned about someone who gave up being a chief and is content with serving as a regular officer and now being asked to be a chief again. He was also concerned with Mr. Watkins being new on the force and his ability to supervise others who had been his superiors. There was also a concern about the fact that he was not currently living in Blanding and his request for some kind of protection for the job.

Mayor Balch stated there were four areas that would need to be discussed. He wanted to know if any of the councilmembers had any major concerns with Mr. Watkins being appointed and if not, he would address the four areas to the satisfaction of the council.

Councilmember Ogle had no issues with the appointment but had some concern about making deals for the position and changing the contract.

Councilmember Laws stated he had talked with Mr. Watkins. He was hired to be a police officer and was content. He had been approached about the police chief job and decided he would do it to help out the community he wants to move back to. He does not particularly like the politics involved with the job and because of that he would not apply for the job if it were advertised. But since he was asked to take the job he had thought about it and decided he would do it. He had the qualifications and would commit to doing a great job for the city. Councilmember Laws questioned him about favoritism. Mr. Watkins responded that he would treat all citizens the same in regards to upholding the law. He would uphold the city's stance on zero tolerance for drug and alcohol. Councilmember Laws was satisfied that Mr. Watkins would do a good job.

Mayor Balch informed the council that one of the reasons Mr. Watkins came to Blanding was because of political problems. He wants to be involved with city administration, be a part of the community, and be visible and accessible. The reason he wants a contract is to be protected from potential problems when new council members are elected. The salary for the position would be less than what he was making previously as a police chief but he recognized that the Blanding police force was better equipped and he would be willing to accept the offered salary.

Councilmember Harrison was concerned with the fact that Mr. Watkins did not want to be the police chief any longer at his previous job and would this put him in a position to burn out quickly. How long would he plan to stay before retirement? Mr. Redd stated that Mr. Watkins would stay in the position for as long as he enjoyed it and that he was well qualified and would be a fantastic police chief.

Councilmember Johnson wanted to know if his family was ready to move here and did they support the decision.

Mayor Balch wanted to offer him a contract similar to what the council had offered to Mr. Redd. Mr. Redd stated that the contract would include a 6 month severance package and a guarantee to buy out the remainder of his 20 years of service which would be effective in October 2015 if the council were to fire him prior to that time.

Mayor Balch indicated the contract would be a protection for both the city and Mr. Watkins. He would be required to have his family moved to Blanding by January 1, 2015. He would also like the city to help with some moving costs in the amount of \$1,000. His previous salary with LaVerkin was \$70,000. Mayor Balch offered him \$60,000. Mr. Watkins accepted but was hoping the city could do more. Mayor Balch recommended splitting the difference and paying him \$65,000. There would be room in the budget to pay this amount as that is what the previous chief was being paid and the replacement officer would be hired at an entry level salary. Councilmember Laws suggested there could be an increase after a probationary period.

Mayor Balch appointed Lloyd Watkins as the Chief of Police with the following terms: starting wage of \$60,000, moving expense assistance in the amount of \$1,000, and must have family relocated to Blanding by January 1, 2015. In addition, a formal contract to be in place by January 1, 2015 with an assumed implied contract offering a 6 month severance package and a buy out of the remainder of his retirement through October 2015 in the event the council were to fire him prior to that time. Upon meeting these stipulations prior to or by no later than January 1, 2015 the salary would increase to \$65,000. Mayor Balch called for approval from the council. All councilmembers were in favor of the appointment.

6. **INFORMATION**

None

7. **OPEN FORUM**

A. Trent Herring asked if Mike Bradford had been considered for the position of Chief of Police. Mayor Balch stated he would not make public his list of candidates but would say that he considered every current Blanding police officer. Mr. Herring further stated that he was concerned with the severance pay versus paying out the retirement. If he were let go in the next few months he would receive up to 18 months of pay.

8. **Councilmember Harrison moved to adjourn to a closed session. Councilmember Ogle seconded the motion. Mayor Balch repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Harrison
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Balch declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned to a closed session at 8:25 p.m.

9. **Councilmember Laws moved to return to open session at 8:53 p.m. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Mayor Balch repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Harrison
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Balch declared the motion carried.

10. **Councilmember Lyman moved to adjourn. Councilmember Harrison seconded the motion. Mayor Balch repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Harrison
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Balch declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

By: _____
Kim Palmer, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
JULY 22, 2014
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor Pro-Tempore:	Kelly Laws
City Councilmembers:	Robert Ogle
	Taylor Harrison
	Joe Lyman
	David Johnson
City Administrator:	Jeremy Redd
Finance Director:	Kim Palmer
City Staff Engineer:	Patrick Parsons
General Services Manager:	Jeff Black
Community Development Director:	Bret Hosler

Absent: Mayor Calvin Balch

Community Members: Kay Johnson, Kyle Laws, Craig Swenson, MarDawn Palmer, Eva Workman, Jaylynn Swenson, Nataya Swenson, Madison Palmer, Brittany Grover, Tassi Sue'Sue', Regan Workman, Jordynn Moon, Tyler Shumway, Isabelle Young, Kaitlyn Perkins, Emilie Palmer, Sadie Brown, Mike, Brown, Bailey Brown, Emily Brown, Jeanna Grover, Lisa Young, Preston Palmer, Troy Palmer, Sonya Perkins, Cloyd Perkins, Aiden Perkins, Kaelin Perkins

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Councilmember Ogle.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Lyman moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the July 8, 2014 meeting. Councilmember Ogle seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tempore Laws repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Harrison**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Those Abstaining

Councilmember Laws

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro Tempore Laws declared the motion carried.

3. **OPEN FORUM**

A. Craig Swenson introduced the City's 12 and under girls softball team. He told the Council that the team had won the 12 and under state softball championship. The team presented the championship trophy to Mayor Pro Tempore Laws. He expressed his appreciation for the way the team had represented the community at the tournament. Coach Swenson expressed his gratitude to the Council and the City for their support in providing activities for the youth of the community. A photo and the names of the team members will be placed on the trophy and it will be displayed at the Wellness Center.

4. **REPORTS/DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

A. Patrick Parsons presented the Project Status Report.

12" Mountain Line Replacement

The Contractor has to complete the punch list items. The Dry Wash spur line change order is currently being signed and will be ready soon. Forest Service approval is expected in the very near future.

Blanding 2014 Waterline Projects

The project is complete. Mr. Parsons told council that approval will be sought to re-scope the project and use the remaining funds to install a backup power generator at the water treatment plant.

Councilmember Johnson asked how much was left over. Mr. Redd responded there was approximately \$100,000. Currently information and pricing regarding a backup generator is being gathered.

Councilmember Johnson suggested that the warranty and maintenance agreement be included in the pricing of the generator.

Power Master Plan

The mapping portion of the project has been completed. The system modeling is also complete. A draft of the Capital Facilities Plan is currently being reviewed by City staff.

East Side Sewer Trunk Line

The alignment feasibility and right of way investigation is complete. City staff are currently verifying current property owners and creating draft easement descriptions so that the right of way acquisition can begin.

Jelly Sewer Project

The project has been bid. The project should be substantially completed by September 1, 2014.

5. **AGENDA ITEMS**

A. Resolution 7-22-2014-1 Appointing UAMPS Member Representative – Jeremy Redd

Mr. Redd told council that the motion would make him the representative to the UAMPS board and make Kay Johnson the alternative representative. Currently Mr. Johnson is the representative and Jeremy is the alternate. Mr. Johnson expressed his approval of the switch and the benefit it will bring to the City. He will continue to be a resource for Mr. Redd and the City. He is not retiring but freeing up some time to

be with his wife who has battled health issues. He then expressed his appreciation for the support the Council and City has given him over the years. Councilmember Johnson thanked Mr. Johnson for his service.

Councilmember Ogle moved to approve Resolution 7-22-2014-1 Appointing UAMPS Member Representative. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tempore Laws repeated the motion and asked for discussion.

Councilmember Harrison asked what the new assignment will mean for Mr. Redd in the realm of travel. Mr. Redd responded that there is a monthly meeting that will be attended, but he can participate electronically if necessary. Mr. Johnson will also be available to attend any meeting. Any travel expenses will be reimbursed by UAMPS.

Following the discussion, Mayor Pro Tempore Laws called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Harrison**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro Tempore Laws declared the motion carried.

B. Resolution 7-22-2014-2 Early Retirement Incentive Program – Jeremy Redd

Mr. Redd told Council that he had received information from Utah Retirement Systems regarding the sick and leave payout. He learned that those payouts cannot be used to accrue retirement benefits. To replace that portion of the incentive he suggested a \$4,000 cash incentive. He also stated that there are currently eight individuals that would be eligible for the early retirement program.

Councilmember Lyman moved to approve Resolution 7-22-2014-2 Early Retirement Incentive Program, with the proposed change of a \$4,000 one time cash incentive instead of the payment of sick and vacation accruing retirement benefits. Councilmember Harrison seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tempore Laws repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Harrison**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro Tempore Laws declared the motion carried.

C. Approve Updated Affordable Housing Plan – Bret Hosler

Councilmember Lyman moved to approve the Updated Affordable Housing Plan. Councilmember Ogle seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tempore Laws repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Harrison

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro Tempore Laws declared the motion carried.

D. Award 2014 Sewer Project – Patrick Parsons

Mr. Parsons told the Council that the project had received two bids, S&S Enterprises and Silver Spur. S&S Enterprises had the lower bid of \$48,227.

Councilmember Johnson moved to award S&S Enterprises the 2014 Sewer Project for \$48,227.00. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tempore Laws repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Harrison

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro Tempore Laws declared the motion carried.

6. INFORMATION

None

7. OPEN FORUM

A. None

8. Councilmember Harrison moved to adjourn. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tempore Laws repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Harrison

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro Tempore Laws declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

By: _____



Kim Palmer, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
JULY 8, 2014
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor:	Calvin Balch
City Councilmembers:	David Johnson
	Robert Ogle
	Taylor Harrison
	Joe B. Lyman
City Administrator:	Jeremy Redd
Finance Director:	Kim Palmer
City Engineer:	Terry Ekker
General Services Manager:	Jeff Black
Community Development Director:	Bret Hosler

Absent: Councilmember Kelly Laws

Community Members: Kendall Laws

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Mayor Balch.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Ogle moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the June 24, 2014 meeting. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Balch repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Harrison**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Those Abstaining

Councilmember Johnson

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Balch declared the motion carried.

3. **OPEN FORUM**

A. Councilmember Lyman congratulated Councilmember Ogle, Robert and Relva Bowring and the rest of the 4th of July committee for the great job they did in organizing the celebration.

4. **REPORTS/DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

A. Mr. Ekker presented the June 2014 Gas and Water Report

Mr. Ekker reported that no new gas services were installed during the month of June.

Mr. Ekker told Council that the bid opening for the Dry Wash expansion project was held last Thursday. The low bidder was Harward and Rees from Loa, UT. Assuming they will be awarded the project, they have approached Blanding City to purchase water. The water, assuming it is available, will be sold to them at the 75% of culinary rate, which is consistent with current City policy.

The environmental assessment on the project is expected to be completed by July 25, 2014. The change order to the mountain water line project has been completed with Silver Spur. Pipe suppliers are being contacted for bids on the pipe. There are 180 scheduled working days for the project with a winter shut down scheduled.

Mr. Ekker also pointed out that the wells are reducing the amount of water being treated at the treatment plant. The wells are currently pumping during the night and on weekends. Councilmember Lyman asked if there were any changes to the water tests. Mr. Ekker responded that the testing results are staying near the same each time. Mr. Redd pointed out that one-fifth of the water coming to City residents is being pumped.

B. June 2014 Police Report.

Mayor Balch told Council that Lyle was traveling from Price and would be unable to give his report.

C. Jeremy Redd presented the June 2014 Fire Report.

Mr. Redd told Council that Chief Stanley was out of town for work. He directed the Council to a document that he had received from Chief Stanley outlining June's activities. The department had participated in a propane truck rollover and three helicopter landings. The department had been focusing on mostly training during the month of June.

D. Jeremy Redd presented the June 2014 Recreation Report.

Mr. Redd reported that soccer signups are currently taking place. Councilmember Johnson asked if there had been any more discussion regarding the lights at the baseball fields. Mr. Redd responded that he would be meeting with Clayton Holt to discuss the idea.

5. **AGENDA ITEMS**

A. Affordable Housing Plan Review – Bret Hosler

Mr. Hosler stated that state law requires cities to have an affordable housing plan. The City has a plan that needs to be reviewed and a motion made to continue with the approved plan. Councilmember Johnson stated his dislike for affordable housing programs. These programs come into a community and in return hurt local contractors and most of the time the homes are left vacant. He recommends that these types of programs not be allowed to build in the City. After further discussion it was determined the plan would come back under Councilmember Lyman for further discussion and approval.

6. **INFORMATION**

Councilmember Ogle expressed his appreciation for those that were on the 4th of July committee. He stated that the event was a success because of delegation. Most of the volunteers have committed to organizing and participating in the event next year. Councilmember Lyman commented that his only suggestion would be to order the same number of fireworks as previous years. Councilmember Ogle responded that the fireworks will be reviewed and necessary changes made. Mr. Redd shared that a survey about the celebration has been placed on the webpage and the overall response has been positive.

7. **OPEN FORUM**

Councilmember Johnson stated that he had been approached by residents in the area of 200 North and 100 East about the dangers at that intersection. A child was recently hit there on a bike. The trees at that intersection make it difficult for motorists to see a child who may be coming down the road. There is a need for some kind of traffic control at that intersection, such as making it a four-way stop. Mr. Ekker stated that if the problem is speed then it would be a police issue. However, if it is a safety issue it needs to be looked at more closely. Councilmember Johnson has asked those living in the neighborhood to come to Council and express their concerns.

8. **Councilmember Lyman moved to adjourn to a closed session. Councilmember Ogle seconded the motion. Mayor Balch repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote.**

Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Johnson

Councilmember Ogle

Those voting NAY

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Harrison
NONE**

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Balch declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned to a closed session at 7:38 p.m.

9. **Councilmember Johnson moved to return to open session. Councilmember Harrison seconded the motion. Mayor Balch repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Harrison**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Balch declared the motion carried.

10. **Councilmember Johnson moved to adjourn. Councilmember Harrison seconded the motion. Mayor Balch repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Harrison**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Balch declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

By: 

Kim Palmer, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
JUNE 24, 2014
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor:	Calvin Balch
City Councilmembers:	Kelly Laws
	Robert Ogle
	Taylor Harrison
City Administrator:	Jeremy Redd
Finance Director:	Kim Palmer
City Engineer:	Terry Ekker
General Services Manager:	Jeff Black
Community Development Director:	Bret Hosler

Absent: Councilmember David Johnson

Community Members: Kendall Laws, Bob Bowring and Relva Bowring

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Councilmember Lyman

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Laws moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the June 10, 2014 meeting. Councilmember Ogle seconded the motion. Mayor Balch repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE	Councilmember Ogle
	Councilmember Laws
	Councilmember Harrison
Those voting NAY	NONE
Those Abstaining	Councilmember Lyman

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Balch declared the motion carried.

3. **OPEN FORUM**
 - A. None

4. **REPORTS/DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

A. Terry Ekker presented the Project Status Report.

12" Mountain Line Replacement

The Contractor has to complete punch list items. Still waiting for the Forest Service to complete the environmental study before the spur line project can be completed. Pre-bid for the dam construction is being held tomorrow. The earliest the project could start would be July 25th.

Blanding 2014 Waterline Projects

The project is 95% complete. Mr. Ekker stated that the final inspection on the project could take place next week.

Power Master Plan

The mapping portion of the project has been completed. The system modeling is also complete. A draft of the Capital Facilities Plan is currently being reviewed by City staff. A final document should be ready for presentation in the next four weeks.

East Side Sewer Trunk Line

The alignment feasibility and right of way investigation is complete. City staff are currently verifying current property owners and creating draft easement descriptions so that the right of way acquisition can begin. Feedback is currently being received by property owners.

Jelly Sewer Project

Design is at 100%. The bid opening is scheduled for July 17th. A recommendation for the bid award will be presented at the July 22nd meeting. The \$60,000 project is scheduled to be completed by September 1st.

5. **AGENDA ITEMS**

A. July 4th Committee Update – Bob & Relva Bowring

Bob and Relva Bowring, the 4th of July Chairpersons, shared information about the activities that will take place during the celebration. Bob mentioned the placement of an information booth at the park that will provide information about activities and events taking place. The committee is working on hanging additional flags around the park. There are currently 60 parade entries, 18 food booths and 6 craft booths. Mayor Balch asked how many teams had signed up for Midnight Madness. Mr. Bowring responded he was not aware of the number. Mrs. Bowring shared that the parade will have two grand marshals this year. Samuel Harrison who was a code talker in World War II and Steve and Adele Lovell. Councilmember Ogle expressed his appreciation to the Bowring's and the entire committee for their efforts in making the celebration a success.

B. Resolution 6-24-2014-1 Adopting the 2014 Certified Tax Rate – Jeremy Redd

Mr. Redd shared information regarding the certified tax rate. He told council that property taxes are revenue driven. It is hard to compare communities because of the complex factors involved including

community budgets, revenue, population, property values and the tax rate. Mr. Redd continued to tell Council that he had visited with Howard Randall, the County Assessor, who told him that properties are re-evaluated every 4-5 years to assure the right valuation is assessed. He then reminded Council that the City of Blanding is not just funded from property taxes. Mr. Redd recommended that the certified tax rate of .002546 be taken which includes the growth and would generate \$212,445 in revenue. The amount without growth would be .002423 which would generate \$202,199 in revenue. The rate for 2013-2014 rate was .002475. Councilmember Laws stated that there are areas in the budget that could be reduced to keep the rate down. Councilmember Harrison asked what areas could be reduced and what would be the course of action if a large need arises that was not foreseen, such as the need for an additional officer. Councilmember Laws responded that there are places in the general budget that could be cut or reduced, and those areas are not necessarily the responsibility of the citizens to pay. Councilmember Harrison commented that taking the same rate of .002475 would allow the City to stay rate neutral. Councilmember Lyman expressed his concerns with taking the growth rate, without a specific need to do so. Mr. Redd responded that additional homes with streets, police and fire protection is the primary reason to take the growth in property taxes. He reminded Council that if the growth is not taken each year then it requires a tax increase with a truth in taxation process to collect the growth later.

Councilmember Laws moved to approve the *Resolution 6-24-2014-1 – A Resolution Adopting the 2014 Certified Tax Rate of .002475*, Councilmember Harrison seconded the motion. Mayor Balch repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Councilmember Lyman pointed out that the rate is the same as the previous year rate and even though property valuations may have changed, Blanding City has not changed their rate. This would be the best way to answer questions citizens may have regarding the increase in their property taxes.

Following the discussion, Mayor Balch called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Harrison**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Balch declared the motion carried.

6. INFORMATION

Mr. Redd reminded Council that a float will be available for them to ride on in the parade. The parade starts at 10:30 am so they should be at the parade line-up at 10:00 am.

7. **OPEN FORUM**

A. None

8. **Councilmember Lyman moved to adjourn. Councilmember Harrison seconded the motion. Mayor Balch repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Johnson

Councilmember Ogle

Councilmember Laws

Councilmember Harrison

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Balch declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

By: 

Kim Palmer, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
JUNE 10, 2014
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor:

Calvin Balch

City Councilmembers:

Kelly Laws

David Johnson

Robert Ogle

Taylor Harrison

City Administrator:

Jeremy Redd

Finance Director:

Kim Palmer

City Engineer:

Terry Ekker

General Services Manager:

Jeff Black

Community Development Director:

Bret Hosler

Recreation Director

David Palmer

Police Chief

Lyle Bayles

Fire Chief:

Craig Stanley

Absent:

Councilmember Lyman

Community Members: Emily Laws, Kendall Laws, John Brake, Lisa Carr, Kay Johnson, Jackie Coombs

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by David Johnson.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Johnson moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the May 27, 2014 meeting, Council member Harrison seconded the motion. Mayor Balch repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Ogle

Councilmember Johnson

Councilmember Laws

Councilmember Harrison

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Balch declared the motion carried.

3. **OPEN FORUM**

A. Lisa Carr shared her idea of a community center with the Council. She shared potential community benefits that included service projects, mentoring, development of business skills, project based learning opportunities and additional classrooms for educational opportunities. She then asked if the City would be willing to donate or sell the property where the old swimming pool had been located for the center. Mayor Balch asked if the project was seeking donations for the project. Mrs. Carr responded yes and the project is also seeking grant funding. Councilmember Laws asked who would be responsible for the operation and maintenance costs for the center. Mrs. Carr responded grant funding would cover the cost during the grant period. After the grant period ended it would be the responsibility of the center to raise those funds.

4. **REPORTS/DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

A. Mr. Ekker presented the May 2014 Gas and Water Report

Mr. Ekker reported that gas usage is up from last year. One gas service had been installed during May.

Mr. Ekker shared with Council that the 4th Reservoir had come up to 1750 acre feet compared to 1245 acre feet at this time last year. The difference is due to the runoff, conservation and the pumping of the City wells.

B. Police Chief Bayles presented the May 2014 Police Report.

Chief Bayles reported that the number of cases are down. One home invasion had occurred during the month. The individual had not been identified but the department is working on leads and they have a good idea who it was.

D. Fire Chief Stanley presented the May 2014 Fire Report.

Chief Stanley told Council that the closed burn season was effective June 1st, and now he will be issuing burn permits for anyone requesting to burn within City limits. The department responded to a trailer fire at Westwater during May. The trailer was a total loss. Four firefighters finished the wildland fire training this month.

E. David Palmer presented the May 2014 Recreation Report.

Councilmember Harrison asked how the T-ball participants could be up from last year but the revenue was down. Mr. Palmer responded that a discount in registration is given to those that have a yearly Wellness Center pass. Mayor Balch asked how many individuals attended the open swim that was held during the health fair. Mr. Palmer responded that there was good attendance. Mr. Redd commented that there was a lot of exposure to the facility but it was hard to tell how many were

attending that would not normally do so. Councilmember Johnson commended Mr. Palmer on how well the parks are being maintained.

5. **AGENDA ITEMS**

A. UAMPS Update – Jackie Coombs/Kay Johnson

Jackie Coombs from UAMPS shared with Council that there were 46 members of UAMPS through 8 states. Currently power is being purchased at \$30-\$50 per kilowatt hour on the open market. Because of new environmental regulations no new coal power plants will be constructed and by 2030 a reduction of 30% in coal power will also be necessary. The next best option at this time is natural gas which is currently \$75 per kilowatt.

Ms. Coombs continued her discussion by giving an update on the small nuclear-modular reactor being designed and built at the Idaho National Laboratory near Idaho Falls. There will be 12 reactors at the site that can each produce 45 megawatts. Councilmember Johnson asked how many reactors would be needed to replace the current coal facilities. Ms. Coombs responded that it is estimated that 4 would be needed to match the current needs. The cost of the power would be approximately \$85 per kilowatt hour. Councilmember Laws asked about the cost of the facility. Ms. Coombs responded that she did not have those figures. It would however take over one billion dollars and 5-7 years to license the facility. The expected life of the facility is 60 years.

B. Resolution 6-10-2014-1 – A Resolution Adopting the FY 2014-2015 Budget – Kim Palmer

Mrs. Palmer told Council that after making the recommended changes to the budget the total general budget is \$2,545,666, the enterprise budget is \$10,235,182 for total City 2014-2015 budget of \$12,780,848.

Councilmember Laws moved to approve the *Resolution 6-10-2014-1 – A Resolution Adopting the FY 2014-2015 Budget*, Councilmember Harrison seconded the motion. Mayor Balch repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Harrison**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Balch declared the motion carried.

C. Resolution 6-10-2014-2 – A Resolution Adjusting the 2013-2014 Budget – Kim Palmer

Mrs. Palmer told Council that an adjustment of \$26,500 to the 2013-2014 budget was necessary due to some unanticipated expenses. The funds were transferred from the police grant expense fund, which were not needed because no grants were received. Justice Court received \$8,000 for a Metal Detector that was received from grant funds. \$3,500 was transferred to the City Attorney account to offset the increase in the cost of the public defender and the city attorney. The Parks and recreation budget was adjusted upward \$15,000 to cover the new lawn mowing contract. \$100,000 was also moved into the capital projects fund to save for future identified projects.

Councilmember Johnson moved to approve *Resolution 6-10-2014-2 – A Resolution Adjusting the FY 2013-2014 Budget*, Councilmember Ogle seconded the motion. Mayor Balch repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Harrison**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Balch declared the motion

D. Resolution 6-10-2014-3 A Resolution Establishing the Annexation of the Territory Contiguous to the City of Blanding – Jeremy Redd

Mr. Hosler told Council that he had visited with Steve Olson who requested that his property be annexed with R1 zoning. UNDC has requested their property be annexed with R2 zoning. Councilmember Laws stated that the resolution seems muddy with the annexation of two properties with different zoning. It is necessary to ensure the properties are clearly defined for future reference.

Utah Navajo Trust Administration Tract - Zoned R2

A tract of land within the NW1/4NW1/4 of Section 26, Township 36South, Range 22 East, SLB&M, County of San Juan, State of Utah, more particularly described as follows;
Beginning at a point located South along the section line 660.48 feet from the NW Corner of said Section 26; thence N12°24'01"E 3.38 feet, thence N51°40'22"E 9.74 feet, thence N88°08'39"E 22.55 feet, thence S82°11'31"E 47.77 feet, thence S77°02'27"E 73.09 feet, thence S75°59'46"E 73.23 feet, thence S76°43'27"E 54.36 feet, thence S73°17'31"E 41.25 feet, thence S61°46'21"E 69.26 feet, thence S52°52'23"E 50.51 feet, thence West 414.22 feet to a point on the section line, thence North 118.12 feet along the section line to the point of beginning, containing 0.81 acres more or less.

Nielson Tract - Zoned R1

A tract of land within the NW1/4 NW1/4 of Section 26, Township 36 South, Range 22 East, SLB&M, County of San Juan, State of Utah, more particularly described as follows; Beginning at the NW Corner of said Section 26; thence S89°51'03"E 417.42 feet along the north line of Section 26, thence South 777.51 feet, thence West 3.20 feet, thence N52°52'23"W 50.51 feet, thence N61°46'21"W 69.26 feet, thence N73°17'31"W 41.25 feet, thence N76°43'27"W 54.36 feet, thence N75°59'46"W 73.23 feet, thence N77°02'27"W 73.09 feet, thence N82°11'31"W 47.77 feet, thence S88°08'39"W 22.55 feet, thence S51°40'22"W 9.74 feet, thence S12°24'01"W 3.38 feet to a point on the section line, thence North along the section line 660.48 feet to the point of beginning, containing 6.66 acres more or less.

Councilmember Laws moved to approve *Resolution 6-10-2014-3 – A Resolution Establishing the Annexation of the Territory Contiguous to the City of Blanding*, with the minutes reflecting the exact property descriptions and zoning for the annexed properties. Councilmember Ogle seconded the motion. Mayor Balch repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Harrison

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Balch declared the motion

E. City Administrator Employment Agreement – Kelly Laws

Councilmember Laws stated that the proposed contract is used by a number of cities throughout the state. The contract has been reviewed by the City attorney. Councilmember Laws then read an email that he had received from Councilmember Lyman regarding the proposed contract as follows:

I am in favor of the contract as currently written. I believe it takes a possible political edge out of the job and enables the Administrator to freely work for the good of all Blanding citizens when it may not otherwise be politically expedient.

I understand there was some discussion about the 4% retirement contribution in the last meeting. I was glad to see it included. All other concerns I had with the original contract were addressed in the current draft.

Councilmember Laws moved to approve the City Administrator Employment Agreement effective immediately. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Balch repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Ogle

Councilmember Johnson

Councilmember Laws

Councilmember Harrison

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Balch declared the motion

F. Water Use Agreement with Utah Forestry, Fire & State Lands – Jeremy Redd

Mr. Redd told Council that the Forest Service is currently entering into contracts that pay a daily fee for water, but they have agreed to enter into a yearly contract with the City of Blanding. He told Council that at 75% of culinary rates \$1,000 would cover the cost of 667,000 gallons of water and \$500 would cover 338,000 gallons. He then told Council it was their decision to determine how much to sell them. He also told them the contract would kick in the first time water was pulled from the reservoir.

Councilmember Laws stated his disagreement with allowing them to choose how much water to purchase. He reminded those in attendance that fires on Federal lands are not the responsibility of the City of Blanding but rather the U.S. government. He continued to state that they held up the mountain pipeline project because of a bird. Mr. Redd recommended selling them the amount of water that they choose to purchase. Councilmember Laws responded that they have already agreed to the \$1,000 so that is what the agreement should be. He continued that it would be different if it were members from our community who were needing water for projects that benefited our community. We should treat them better than outsiders.

Mayor Balch commented that Federal agencies have done good things and contributed funding for projects in our community such as Recapture reservoir, the 4th reservoir and the deep water wells among others.

Councilmember Laws then asked what would happen if there was not any water in the reservoirs for the Forest to pull out. Mr. Redd responded at that point the water conservancy has agreed to allow their water to be used. Councilmember Ogle questioned why there was nothing in the agreement about the outstanding bill. Mr. Redd responded that it would have to be paid before any water could be removed. He continued that the agreement can be written for 1 - 5 years. It was determined the agreement would be written for one year as a trial.

Councilmember Laws moved to enter into an agreement with the Forest Service to allow water to be pulled from the reservoirs to fight forest fires, for the period of one year, at a cost of \$1,000 for up to 667,000 gallons of water. Councilmember Harrison seconded the motion. Mayor Balch

repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Harrison**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Balch declared the motion

6. INFORMATION

Councilmember Laws reported that an application for a street improvement project will be applied for with the Community Impact Board in October. The application will seek \$1 million in grant funding to match \$1 million in funding from the San Juan Transportation District. Approval of the application will allow for maintenance and road improvements in the community.

7. OPEN FORUM

A. John Brake asked if any further discussion was held regarding well water being put into the raw water line and pumped to the treatment plant for treatment. Councilmember Laws stated that if well water is put into the raw water system, it is very difficult to change it back to the culinary system. Councilmember Johnson also questioned the impact on the funding that was received for the well project. Mr. Brake stated that it appears the north end of town is getting better water than the south due to the pumping of the wells. Mr. Redd asked Mr. Brake how his water quality was at this point. Mr. Brake responded that he gets a lot of well water due to his location, but it does look better than it has. Mr. Ekker reminded everyone that the water currently meets state drinking water standards and is tested regularly. Council instructed Mr. Ekker to spend time when he is available to determine the feasibility of pumping the well water to the treatment plant. Councilmember Laws then told Mr. Brake he would contact him when more information on his questions is available.

- 8. Councilmember Harrison moved to adjourn. Councilmember Ogle seconded the motion. Mayor Balch repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Harrison**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Balch declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

By:  _____
Kim Palmer, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
MAY 27, 2014
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor: Calvin Balch

City Councilmembers: Robert Ogle
Kelly Laws
David Johnson

City Administrator: Jeremy Redd

Finance Director: Kim Palmer

City Engineer: Terry Ekker

Community Development Director: Bret Hosler

Police Chief: Lyle Bayles

Absent: Councilmember Joe Lyman and Councilmember Taylor Harrison

Community Members: Terri Laws, Kendall Laws, Shane Johnson, Lloyd Watkins, Trent Herring, Josh Nielson, Andrea Nielson.

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Jeremy Redd.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Laws moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the May 13, 2014 meeting, Councilmember Ogle seconded the motion. Mayor Balch repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Johnson**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Balch declared the motion carried.

3. **OPEN FORUM**

Kelly Laws told council that he was disappointed in the way the cemetery looked on Memorial Day. He felt the grass was long in some areas of the cemetery. He also noticed that some of the crosses used to designate local veterans were broken. The crosses were also located in a corner of the Cemetery and the rows were not even straight. He did not feel this was very respectful of our local veterans. Mr. Redd commented that he would pass Mr. Laws' concerns on to the Cemetery District.

4. **REPORTS/DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

A. Terry Ekker presented the Project Status Report.

12" Mountain Line Replacement

The Contractor has to complete punch list items. Still waiting for the Forest Service to complete the environmental study before the spur line project can be completed.

Blanding 2014 Waterline Projects

The project is 80% complete. The mainline work to the airport is complete and the work along Grayson Parkway is progressing quickly.

Power Master Plan

The mapping portion of the project has been completed. The system modeling is also complete. A draft of the Capital Facilities Plan is currently being reviewed by City staff. It is anticipated that a final document will be ready for presentation to the Council in the next four weeks.

East Side Sewer Trunk Line

The alignment feasibility and right of way investigation is complete. City staff are currently verifying current property owners and creating draft easement descriptions so that the right of way acquisition can begin.

Jelly Sewer Project

Design is at 80%. It is anticipated that a bid opening will happen in late June or early July.

5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS – FY 2014/2015 CITY BUDGET HEARING & PROPOSED ANNEXATION HEARING**
Councilmember Ogle moved to enter the public hearing regarding the FY 2014/2015 CITY BUDGET & PROPOSED ANNEXATION. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Balch repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Johnson**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Balch declared the motion carried.

Mr. Redd told Council that a copy of the proposed 2014/2015 budget has been available since the first of May for public review. Mayor Balch asked if any items had been changed. Mr. Redd responded that some items were changed at the budget work session. No public comments were made regarding the proposed budget.

Mr. Hosler told shared information regarding the two properties seeking annexation into the City. The first property is owned by the Olson family. The annexation of 7.5 acres has been requested by Steve and Tara Dawn Olson.

Mr. Hosler stated that Josh and Andrea Nielson are also requesting the annexation of 1.38 acres. Mayor Balch asked why the entire hay field where the 1.38 acres is located was not also being annexed. Mr. Hosler responded that the remaining property will continue to be farmed and the family had chosen not to annex the entire field. Mr. Nielson told Council that the additional property is actually owned by a family trust. The trust was not willing to annex the entire piece of ground, but would allow him to separate the 1.38 acres for his home. Mayor Balch expressed his concern with annexing property that is surrounded on three sides by county land and creating a peninsula. Kendall Laws, City attorney commented that he has reviewed the annexation and this particular annexation does not create a peninsula as defined by the State.

Councilmember Ogle moved to leave the public hearing, Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Balch repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote.

Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Johnson**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Balch declared the motion carried.

6. *DICUSSION ITEMS*

A. Curb Painting and Signage for Helicopter Landing Zone - BMH- Joe Lyman

Councilmember Lyman was unable to attend the meeting due to a health issue. Mr. Redd introduced the item and told the council that Blue Mountain Hospital (BMH) had approached the City about painting the curb on the north and south sides of 800 south re. This would allow a medical helicopter to land without first moving vehicles off the street. A memo of agreement (MOA) had been written that allows BMH to continue to use the street as a landing area gives permission for the curb to be painted and maintained by BMH and releases the City of any Liability issues that might arise in the use of the streets as a helicopter landing area. Mr. Redd also recommended that the MOA be approved with a three year term. At the end of the three year term the two parties would meet again and if applicable a new agreement could be signed Mayor Balch asked who would be responsible for setting up the landing

zone and blocking the road. Mr. Redd responded that the fire department will continue to assist with the landing zone.

B. Introduction of New Officers – Chief Bayles

Chief Bayles introduced Shane Johnson and Lloyd Watkins as new City police officers. Mayor Balch requested the officers to share something about themselves. Officer Johnson told Council that he served two tours in Iraq and then entered law enforcement where he has been working for the past 11 years. He is married and has two children. Officer Watkins told Council that he was raised in Blanding and is excited to be home. He is married and has six children.

C. City Administrator Contract – Kelly Laws

Councilmember Laws told Council that the proposed City Manager contract will protect the City and will allow Mr. Redd to do his job. The proposed contract was a boilerplate of what other communities are using for their city manager contracts. It was not written by Mr. Redd or Councilmember Laws. Mayor Balch expressed his concerns over several areas of the contract including the vehicle allowance. He recommended that if a vehicle allowance was granted the City should sell the current vehicle rather than keep it and the expense. Mr. Redd explained that a new vehicle, that is budgeted to be purchased in the next budget year, would not be purchased. Councilmember Johnson asked how other employees would feel if they had to use their own vehicle to travel for City business. Mr. Redd addressed this concern by stating that other travel vehicles are available for use, but if an employee chooses to use their own vehicle rather than use one provided by the City the gas is paid for by the City. A vehicle allowance method is not used as is common in other agencies. Councilmember Johnson asked how many miles were on the vehicle currently driven by the City Manager. Mr. Redd responded there were roughly 50,000. He told Council that it was likely this vehicle would not be sold, but rather rotated to someone whose vehicle had much more use and was in need of replacement. After further discussion it was recommended that the vehicle allowance portion of the contract be removed.

Mayor Balch also expressed his concern with the manager review process. He reminded Council that it has traditionally been the responsibility of the Mayor to conduct the yearly review. The contract could potentially change that review to include the Mayor and Council. He continued that it is the Mayor's responsibility to conduct the manager's review. Councilmember Ogle asked if the Mayor was responsible for appointing the City manager. Mayor Balch responded that the Mayor makes the appointment and then asks for the advice and consent of the Council.

Mayor Balch also shared his concerns with the hours of work portion of the contract. He interpreted this to mean that Mr. Redd would not need to come to work if he had worked his 40 hours. Mr. Redd clarified that the City currently has an exempt employee policy that allows exempt employees to take off those hours that they are required to work over 40 hours per week. Those hours must be used during the current pay period and cannot be saved for use at a later date. He does not see this policy misused and employees work to complete their assignments regardless of the time it takes. Mayor Balch responded that his concern is that exempt employees are actually employees receiving extra income while enjoying the benefits of an exempt employee. It is his understanding that an exempt employee or manager works until the job is complete regardless of the hours associated with it and are compensated with a higher wage. Mr. Redd responded that a discussion on the exempt employee policy could be held if Council desired. Chief Bayles reminded Council that when the exempt employee designation was made

and individuals were moved to that status no increases in wages were given, in fact employees actually lost because they are now disallowed overtime.

Mayor Balch asked about the severance/termination area of the proposed contract. The contract offers a severance package if the manager is terminated without cause. Councilmember Laws responded that there will be times when the Council and City manager will not agree and this portion of the contract will protect the manager from being terminated for a grudge that might exist when these disagreements occur. The severance pay portion of the contract will protect both the City and the City manager. He reminded Council that the manager can be terminated for a justifiable cause and the package is void.

After further discussion it was determined that the current proposed manager contract would be edited and brought back at the next meeting.

D. Potential Changes to Agenda Format – Jeremy Redd

This item was tabled for discussion at a future Council meeting.

7. ACTION ITEMS

A. Resolution 5-27-2014-1 – A Resolution Establishing the Annexation of Territory Contiguous to the City of Blanding – Jeremy Redd

This resolution was for the annexation of the properties discussed earlier in the meeting. Mr. Hosler told Council that both properties were coming in as R1 zoned. Councilmember Laws pointed out that the resolution does not state the annexation as a R1 zone. He asked if the property owners were aware of it. It was determined that before completing the annexation on the Olson property Mr. Hosler would inform the Olsons of the R1 zoning.

Councilmember Laws moved to approve Resolution 5-27-2014-1 – A Resolution Establishing the Annexation of Territory Contiguous to the City of Blanding and approving the annexation of the Nielson property as an R1 Zone. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Balch repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Johnson**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Balch declared the motion carried.

B. Approval of MOA for Helicopter Landing at Blue Mountain Hospital – Joe Lyman

Councilmember Johnson moved to approve the Memo of Agreement for Helicopter Landing at Blue Mountain Hospital for a three year term. Councilmember Ogle seconded the motion. Mayor Balch repeated the motion and asked for discussion.

Following the discussion Mayor Balch called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Ogle

Councilmember Laws

Councilmember Johnson

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Balch declared the motion carried.

D. Approval of City Manager Contract – Kelly Laws

Tabled until a future Council meeting.

8. INFORMATION

A. Watershed Fire Use Agreement – Next Meeting – Jeremy Redd

Mr. Redd told Council that he had been contacted by the Forest Service in regards to the watershed fire use agreement. The agreement was not ready for this Council meeting. It is anticipated it will be ready for the June 10th meeting. He also reminded the Forest Service that until an agreement was in place no City water could be used in the event of a fire.

B. UDOT Meeting Review – Jeremy Redd

Mr. Redd told Council that he had attended a UDOT meeting where it was announced that a six million dollar animal fencing project is scheduled between Blanding and Monticello. A road rehabilitation project from Blanding to Devils Canyon will be completed next summer.

9. OPEN FORUM

A. Trent Herring expressed his concern over the amount of water running in the gutters. He suggested additional information regarding water use be shared with citizens. He stated that Blue Mountain Hospital would be willing to include any information about water use in their newsletter.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

No session was necessary.

11. Councilmember Johnson moved to adjourn. Councilmember Ogle seconded the motion. Mayor Balch repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Johnson
NONE

Those voting NAY

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Balch declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

By: 
Kim Palmer, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
MAY 13, 2014
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor: Calvin Balch

City Councilmembers: Kelly Laws
David Johnson
Joe B Lyman
Robert Ogle

Finance Director: Kim Palmer

City Engineer: Terry Ekker

General Services Manager: Jeff Black

Community Development Director: Bret Hosler

Recreation Director David Palmer

Fire Chief: Craig Stanley

Absent: Councilmember Taylor Harrison and City Manager Jeremy Redd

Community Members: Terri Laws, Kendall Laws, David Boyle, Ben Huntsman, Jason Johnson, Rudy Sandoval, John Brake

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Kim Palmer.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Lyman moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the April 22, 2014 meeting. Councilmember Ogle seconded the motion. Mayor Balch repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Balch declared the motion carried.

3. **OPEN FORUM**

A. No comments were made.

4. **REPORTS/DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

A. Mr. Ekker presented the April 2014 Gas and Water Report

Mr. Ekker reported that City crews are working on installing the gas line pipe at the Pacheco subdivision.

Mr. Ekker told council that after the last storm the precipitation level is 60% of normal. He continued to say that Well C and Well B were not pumped during April. Well C is back online and pumping. The repairs are still being completed on Well B. He then asked Council to consider allowing the water lines to be flushed. He told them that many of the complaints regarding discolored water could be alleviated by flushing the lines.

Mayor Balch asked the status of Dry Wash. Mr. Ekker responded that the environmental study is driving the project and clearance has not yet been given. It is anticipated that construction will begin late summer or early fall.

B. April 2014 Police Report.

Mayor Balch told Council that Chief Bayles was out of town attending his daughter's graduation. He then shared that the Police department has hired two new officers and is fully staffed.

C. Chief Stanley presented the April 2014 Fire Report.

Chief Stanley reported that five helicopter landing zones were set up at the hospital during April. Two small wildfires were handled along with a controlled burn.

E. David Palmer presented the December 2013 Recreation Report.

Mr. Palmer told Council that baseball and softball participation numbers will be close to the same as last year. Three league tournaments have been scheduled for the end of the season. The swimming pool will open on Thursday, May 15th.

Councilmember Ogle asked what the City's watering schedule was for the parks and other City properties. Mr. Palmer responded that the watering will be similar to last year, watering daily for short periods of time.

5. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. Utah Forestry & State Lands – Blanding Watershed Fire Use – Terry Ekker

Mr. Ekker introduced Ben Huntsman, Jason Johnson and Rudy Sandoval who were attending the meeting to discuss an agreement regarding the use of Blanding City water to fight forest fires. A previous five year agreement had expired in 2012 and never been renewed. Without the agreement the cost for water had increased substantially and no payment to the City for the water used had been received. This was of great concern to the Council. Councilmember Laws reminded everyone that the water belongs to the residents of Blanding and not to the federal agency. It was agreed that a yearly rate of \$1,000 could be the best answer to water use by the Forest Service. Councilmember Lyman stated that the outstanding bill must also be paid. It was recommended that Mr. Johnson, from the Forest Service, have the agreement written and reviewed by the Council at the next Council meeting.

B. Weed Ordinance Already Combined with Nuisance Ordinance – Joe Lyman

Councilmember Lyman shared that the weed ordinance was included with the nuisance ordinance, eliminating the need for revision.

6. **ACTION ITEMS**

A. Appointment of Recreation Board Member – Mayor Balch

Mayor Balch appointed Emily Brown to the Recreation Board. Advice and Consent for the appointment was given by the Council.

7. **INFORMATION**

A. Ball Field Lights – David Johnson

Councilmember Johnson told Council that he had visited with Clayton Holt from San Juan School District who expressed an interest in providing a generous donation towards installing lights at the ball fields. The amount of the donation is not yet known.

B. Letter – Joe B. Lyman

Councilmember Lyman shared a draft of a letter he had written in response to negative media comments made regarding Blanding and the prior weekend's protest rally.

8. **OPEN FORUM**

A. There were no comments from the public.

9. **Councilmember Lyman moved to adjourn. Councilmember Ogle seconded the motion. Mayor Balch repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Balch declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

By: 

Kim Palmer, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
APRIL 22, 2014
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor:	Calvin Balch
City Councilmembers:	Joe B Lyman
	Robert Ogle
	Kelly Laws
	Taylor Harrison
	David Johnson
City Administrator:	Jeremy Redd
Finance Director:	Kim Palmer
City Engineer:	Terry Ekker
Community Development Director:	Bret Hosler
Police Chief:	Lyle Bayles

Community Members: Kendall Laws, Emily Laws, Harold Lyman, Cindy Hardgrave, Lynne Shumway, Nicole Perkins, Debbie Christiansen, Harold Lyman

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Taylor Harrison.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Lyman moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the April 8, 2014 meeting, Councilmember Ogle seconded the motion. Mayor Balch repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Harrison
Councilmember Johnson**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Balch declared the motion carried.

3. **OPEN FORUM**

A. San Juan Health District – Debbie Christiansen

Mrs. Christiansen stated that Laurie Shafer, interim hospital CEO asked that an update of the San Juan hospital be shared with local community leaders. She told the Council that regardless of the various rumors the hospital is not closing. The financial status of the hospital has improved with new financial processes and restrictions. Accounting personnel are currently working with their software vendor to reduce the accounts receivable.

Mrs. Christiansen also reported that the two health systems, San Juan Health District and Utah Navajo Health Systems, are meeting twice a month to discuss how they can collaborate in providing healthcare to the entire county and reduce any duplication of services.

Councilmember Johnson asked if any changes had been made to the San Juan Healthcare Board. Mrs. Christiansen responded that no changes had been made.

B. CNHA – Cindy Hardgrave

Cindy Hardgrave from Canyonlands Natural History Association expressed appreciation for the partnership with the Blanding Visitor Center. She stated that the contract with CNHA expired in November and needs to be renewed. CNHA provides all the product for the Visitor Center and shares the profit with the Blanding center. Ms. Hardgrave told council that revenue has dropped \$20,000 per year since the center opened. It is difficult to get those visiting the center to purchase items. Most are just looking for information.

4. **REPORTS/DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

A. Terry Ekker presented the Project Status Report.

12" Mountain Line Replacement

The Contractor has to complete punch list items. The Dry Wash spur line will be a change order to mountain line contract. The environmental is still being completed on the spur line, which is delaying the start of the project.

Blanding 2014 Waterline Projects

The project is 35% complete. The main line work to the airport is complete and customers in that area will be moved to the new line this week. The work along Grayson Parkway is progressing quickly and completed south to Black Hawk Transportation. The testing of the northern section of the line has yet to be completed. The contractor will be moving from the million gallon tank south down reservoir road next.

Councilmember Johnson stated that he is impressed with the work of the contractor and their professionalism in keeping things cleaned up and organized.

Power Master Plan

The mapping portion and the system modeling for the project has been completed. A draft copy of the Capital Facilities Plan is currently being reviewed by City staff. It is anticipated that a final document will be ready in the next few weeks. It will then be presented to Council.

East Side Sewer Trunk Line

The alignment feasibility and right of way investigation has been completed. Staff is currently verifying property owners and creating draft easement descriptions so that the right of way acquisition can begin.

5. ACTION ITEMS

A. 200 W Land Transfer – Bret Hosler

Due to a future construction project by Gordon Redd Management on 800 South and 200 West several land swap opportunities have arisen. Mr. Hosler stated that the proposed land swaps would clean up the right of way and allow for the completion of 200 West from 800 South to the Wellness Center.

Councilmember Harrison commented that this is a good time to get this done while all parties are in agreement. Council gave advice and consent for the land transfer with Gordon Redd Management and Blue Mountain Hospital as proposed by the City staff.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Current Weed Ordinance – Jeremy Redd

Mr. Redd asked how aggressive the council would like him to be in enforcing the current weed ordinance. Councilmember Laws stated that if the City is going to enforce the weed ordinance on residents the City needs to make sure their properties are also complying with the ordinance. Mayor Balch commented that if we are not going to enforce an ordinance then we shouldn't have it. If we choose to enforce the ordinance it would have to be enforced equally, and the City does not have the manpower to do that. During the discussion it was decided that the City would address weed complaints by drafting a letter informing the resident of the complaint and requesting they take care of the weeds. Councilmember Ogle questioned the need for a separate weed ordinance when the nuisance ordinance could apply. Mr. Redd will review the nuisance ordinance to see if weeds are included.

B. Budget Discussion – Streets – Terry Ekker

Terry Ekker led a discussion on the current status of City streets. There are currently 24 miles of paved streets in the City and 90% of them have curb and gutter. Many of the streets in the community are wide, which is beneficial for parking, but increases the cost of maintenance. Street maintenance and construction are funded through Class C funding, the San Juan County Transportation Special Service District, the Community Impact Board and through loans and bonds. Currently 1.2% of the City roads are

at a zero life status, 45.3% should last another 20 years with no additional maintenance and 30.5% should last 10 more years. Mr. Ekker stated that any additional maintenance increases the life expectancy of the roadways and additional maintenance to those at a 10 year status would potentially move them into the 20 year category. The department uses a variety of methods to maintain streets including: crack seal, patching, chip seal, HA5 high density mineral bond, overlays, reconstruction, street sweeping, weed control and tree trimming.

C. Recommendation of Street Repairs for San Juan Transportation District – Terry Ekker

Mr. Ekker told Council that the San Juan Transportation District is planning to apply to the Community Impact Board (CIB) for \$2 million in loans and grants. The project would be for street maintenance, new construction and reconstruction projects. The funding would be beneficial in bringing streets up to a higher level, offsetting current and future costs to the City. Mr. Ekker shared his ideas for possible priorities for the funding, and asked Council for their input in setting final project goals and priorities.

7. INFORMATION

No information was shared.

8. OPEN FORUM

A. Nicole Perkins asked if there had been any improvement in the status of City weeds since the ordinance was established. Councilmember Lyman responded that the ordinance has been in place for several years and so it would be difficult to answer that question.

- 9. Councilmember Ogle moved to enter a closed session to discuss personnel issues. Councilmember Harrison seconded the motion. Mayor Balch repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Lyman

Councilmember Laws

Councilmember Ogle

Councilmember Harrison

Councilmember Johnson

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Balch declared the motion carried.

Council entered a closed session at 8:30 p.m.

Councilmember Lyman moved to leave the closed session and return to regular session.

Councilmember Harrison seconded the motion. Mayor Balch repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Harrison
Councilmember Johnson
NONE**

Those voting NAY

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Balch declared the motion carried

Council returned to regular session at 9:00 p.m.

Councilmember Lyman moved to approve the hiring of Shane Johnson and Lloyd Watkins as police officers. Councilmember Ogle seconded the motion. Mayor Balch repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Harrison
Councilmember Johnson
NONE**

Those voting NAY

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Balch declared the motion carried

Councilmember Lyman moved to adjourn. Councilmember Harrison seconded the motion. Mayor Balch repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Harrison
Councilmember Johnson
NONE**

Those voting NAY

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Balch declared the motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

By: 

Kim Palmer, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
APRIL 8, 2014
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor:

Calvin Balch

City Councilmembers:

Kelly Laws

David Johnson

Joe B Lyman

Robert Ogle

Taylor Harrison

Finance Director:

Kim Palmer

City Engineer:

Terry Ekker

General Services Manager:

Jeff Black

Community Development Director:

Bret Hosler

Community Members: Terri Laws, Susan Young

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Robert Ogle.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Johnson moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the March 25, 2014 meeting with the following change to page 3, paragraph 3, "engineers predict that the completed project will be adequate enough to handle estimated growth to 2050." Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Balch repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Lyman

Councilmember Ogle

Councilmember Johnson

Councilmember Laws

Councilmember Harrison

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Balch declared the motion carried.

3. **OPEN FORUM**

No comments were made.

4. **REPORTS/DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

A. Mr. Ekker presented the March 2014 Gas Report

Mr. Ekker reported that two services were installed during March. These were half-inch services on a home and on a trailer.

B. Mr. Ekker presented the March 2014 Water Report

Mr. Ekker reported that precipitation is at 59% of average. He told could Council that well B is down due to an electrical short. They are currently trying to locate where that short is and get it repaired. If the pump has to be pulled to locate the short the cost could be anywhere from \$20,000 - \$30,000. It is hoped the short is occurring at a splice that is located just below the wellhead, which will make the repair less expensive.

Councilmember Johnson asked if the leak had been located at the Stake Center. Mr. Ekker responded that a leak had been found in the secondary line on the Stake Center side. Councilmember Laws asked who would cover the cost to repair the damaged road. Mr. Ekker responded that the he will look into the issue with the road.

C. March 2014 Police Report.

Police Chief Bayles was not in attendance at the meeting. Mayor Balch reported that from the applications received for the open police positions six had been selected for an interview. From those, one has withdrawn, leaving five to be interviewed. Interviews will take place next week.

D. Kim Palmer presented the March 2014 Fire Report.

Mrs. Palmer told Council that Chief Stanley was not able to attend the meeting due to a work commitment. She told Council that the department was quite busy during the month of March with controlled burns, setting up a helicopter landing zone and helping with a jack-knifed truck. Firefighters have participated in CPR and First Aid training also. Mayor Balch shared that Chief Stanley is looking for pre-1980 information on the fire department. Chief Stanley is working on putting together the history of the department. Councilmember Johnson stated he may have access to some old council minutes that may have some of the requested information.

E. Kim Palmer presented the December 2013 Recreation Report.

David Palmer was unable to attend the meeting due to a family commitment. Mrs. Palmer told Council that Wellness Center revenues are up from last year. Baseball, softball, machine pitch and T-ball registrations are currently taking place.

5. **ACTION ITEMS**

A. Approve Social Media Policy – Kim Palmer

Councilmember Laws moved to approve the Social Media Policy. Councilmember Harrison seconded the motion. Mayor Balch repeated the motion and asked for discussion.

Councilmember Lyman asked if the transparency would also include personal email and social media sites, not connected to the employees City account. Councilmember Laws responded that he understood it only applied to City accounts. Mr. Lyman suggested that a change be made to page two, Your Online Identity, paragraph three. He suggested it read, “Be transparent. When utilizing social media conducted with a Blanding City email address disclose your identity and affiliation with Blanding City.”

An amended motion was made.

Councilmember Lyman moved to approve the Social Media Policy, with the following change to page 2 under Your Online Identity, paragraph 3; “Be transparent. When utilizing social media conducted with a Blanding City email address, disclose your identity and affiliation with Blanding City.” Councilmember Harrison seconded the motion. Mayor Balch repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Harrison**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Balch declared the motion carried.

6. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. Edge of the Cedars Street Logo Request – Kim Palmer

Mrs. Palmer told Council that the Edge of the Cedars Museum is requesting the logo in the packet be spray painted on Center Street and 600 West to the museum. After reviewing the logo, the Council requested a new logo be designed and brought back for approval.

7. **INFORMATION**

None was shared.

8. **OPEN FORUM**

A. There were no comments from the public

9. **Councilmember Laws moved to adjourn. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor**

Balch repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Lyman

Councilmember Johnson

Councilmember Ogle

Councilmember Laws

Councilmember Harrison

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Balch declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

By: 

Kim Palmer, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
MARCH 25, 2014
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor:

Calvin Balch

City Councilmembers:

Joe B Lyman

Robert Ogle

Kelly Laws

Taylor Harrison

David Johnson

City Administrator:

Jeremy Redd

Finance Director:

Kim Palmer

General Services Manager:

Jeff Black

Community Development Director:

Bret Hosler

Police Chief:

Lyle Bayles

Community Members: Terri Laws, Kendall Laws, Emily Laws, John Brake, Diane Balch

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Mayor Balch.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Laws moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the March 11, 2014 meeting, Councilmember Ogle seconded the motion. Mayor Balch repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Ogle

Councilmember Laws

Councilmember Harrison

Councilmember Johnson

Those voting NAY

NONE

Abstained:

Councilmember Lyman

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Balch declared the motion carried.

3. **OPEN FORUM**

None

4. **REPORTS/DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

A. Jared Palmer presented a report on Blanding Cemetery

Mr. Palmer told Council that a new maintenance shed is in the process of being built at the cemetery. It is scheduled to be completed by July 4th. Mayor Balch asked if plots in the north section of the cemetery had all been sold. Mr. Palmer responded that there are still plenty of available plots on the north end of the cemetery. The older section of the cemetery has no open plots at this time. Mr. Palmer also shared that there are three wells on the cemetery property that are not yet developed. He is currently looking for any information on those wells and what it might entail to get them up and functioning. Mayor Balch commended Mr. Palmer on how nice the cemetery looks.

B. Jeremy Redd presented the Project Status Report

Mr. Redd stated that Mr. Ekker was unable to attend the meeting because he had surgery earlier in the day.

12" Mountain Line Replacement

The contractor is working on the punch list items. The environmental on the Dry Wash spur is currently being completed by the Forest Service.

Blanding 2014 Waterline Projects

The contractor has just begun working on the project.

Power Master Plan

The mapping portion of the project has been completed. The system modeling has been completed. Staff is currently reviewing the draft of the Capital Facilities Plan. A final plan should be ready for Council review in the next six weeks.

East Side Sewer Trunk Line

The alignment feasibility and right of way investigation has been completed.

5. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. City Website Review – Jeremy Redd

Mr. Redd demonstrated the new City website currently being designed by Jared Berrett. The website will go live either the end of the week or first of next week. The new site will have more details and be more user friendly. The focus of the website is to allow city residents to interact with city government. Mr. Redd also told Council that the City Facebook page has 1127 followers. The page has been a good place to share information with residents.

B. Social Media Policy – Jeremy Redd

Mr. Redd told Council that a Social Media Policy is needed to establish how the City is going to interact with residents. One area of the policy discusses how the City will respond to comments that are attacking or inappropriate. Those comments will be removed by the administration. Comments that may be contrary and disliked will be allowed as long as they are made in a respectful manner. Councilmember Laws stated that as an elected official he may make comments that may or may not be allowed by City staff. An employee of the City does not have the same right or expectation by the community as an elected official does.

C. Budget Discussion – Sewer – Jeremy Redd

Mr. Redd shared information about the City sewer system. A \$450,000 project was completed in 2013. The project had been engineered and designed by Utah State University. The current monthly residential sewer fee is \$20.50. There are 24.8 miles of pipe, 261 sewer manholes and 8 lift stations. Mr. Redd told Council that sewer lines are cleaned on a yearly basis. If a line proves to be a problem area it is cleaned more often to reduce the chance of a backup in the line.

Mr. Redd told Council that the major problem faced by the City sewer system is the major collector line which is 50% full. The line runs down Main Street and on down the highway to the lagoons. The eastside collector project would reduce the amount of sewage going down this main line. The eastside collector would take care of most of the east side of town. USDA has stated that the project would be eligible for a 25% loan and a 75% grant. The total cost of the project will be close to three million dollars. The engineers predict that the completed project will be adequate enough to handle the estimated growth for several years to come. Mr. Redd continued to tell Council that the only other option to the eastside collector would be to tear up Main Street and the highway and place an additional line in parallel to the current one. This would be very expensive.

D. Budget Discussion – Storm Water – Jeremy Redd

Mr. Redd discussed the Storm Water system. The system was created in 2009. A large part of the system is surface flow. Currently the utility generates \$32,316 in revenue. After loan payments and expenses there is approximately \$6500 left for projects. This limits the projects that can be completed. It is estimated that there are \$710,800 in existing storm water needs and another \$766,300 in future needs. Current debt on the utility will be paid off in 2048.

6. **INFORMATION**

A. Councilmember Laws told Council that the Transportation District will be meeting and discussing the ability to receive funds for another large street project. The final decision on this will be known in June.

7. **OPEN FORUM**

None

8. Councilmember Lyman moved to adjourn to an executive session. Councilmember Harrison seconded the motion. Mayor Balch repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Harrison
Councilmember Johnson

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Balch declared the motion carried.

Council adjourned to an executive session at 8:10 p.m.

9. Councilmember Laws moved to leave the executive session and return to open session. Councilmember Harrison seconded the motion. Mayor Balch repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Harrison
Councilmember Johnson

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Balch declared the motion carried.

Council returned to open session at 9:31 p.m.

10. Councilmember Lyman moved to adjourn. Councilmember Harrison seconded the motion. Mayor Balch repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Lyman

Councilmember Laws

Councilmember Ogle

Councilmember Harrison

Councilmember Johnson

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Balch declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

By:  _____

Kim Palmer, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
MARCH 11, 2014
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor:	Calvin Balch
City Councilmembers:	Kelly Laws
	David Johnson
	Robert Ogle
	Taylor Harrison
City Administrator:	Jeremy Redd
Finance Director:	Kim Palmer
City Engineer:	Terry Ekker
General Services Manager:	Jeff Black
Community Development Director:	Bret Hosler
Fire Chief:	Craig Stanley
Police Chief:	Lyle Bayles

Absent: Councilmember Joe Lyman

Community Members: Kendall Laws, Cindy Bayles, John Brake.

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Kelly Laws.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Laws moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the February 25, 2014 meeting. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Balch repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Harrison**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Balch declared the motion carried.

3. **OPEN FORUM**
A. None

4. **REPORTS/DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

A. Mr. Ekker presented the February 2014 Natural Gas Report

Mr. Ekker shared that natural gas usage is down from February 2013 due to the warmer temperatures.

B. Mr. Ekker presented the February 2014 Water Report

Mr. Ekker told Council that there is currently 1240 acre feet of water stored in culinary reservoirs owned by the City, which is comparable to this time last year. Precipitation is currently 66% of normal. Well B is still down and is waiting for a new part that has been shipped.

C. Police Chief Bayles presented the February 2014 Police Report

Chief Bayles shared with Council information contained in his report. He pointed out that there has been an increase in cases, citations, contacts and callouts during February. He then asked Council for advice and consent to purchase six new handguns for a total of \$804.00. Mayor Balch asked if this was budgeted and if so he did not see a problem with the purchase. Councilmembers were in agreement of the purchase.

D. Chief Stanley presented the February 2014 Fire Report

Chief Stanley reported that firefighters have been clearing tumbleweeds south of town at the request of a local resident there.

E. Jeremy Redd presented the February 2014 Recreation Report

Mr. Redd reported that David Palmer was attending a week long recreation conference in St. George. Baseball and softball registration will be occurring during March. The parks crews have started getting the ballparks ready for games to start. He also pointed out that the Wellness Center revenue is staying steady.

F. Robert Ogle presented an update on the 4th of July Celebration

Councilmember Ogle shared with Council that a 4th of July chairperson has been selected and the committee will be meeting soon. The band has been scheduled and the fireworks are ordered.

5. **ACTION ITEMS**

A. Resolution – 3-11-2014-1 – Consideration for an adoption of a Bond Resolution authorizing the issuance of a \$224,000 Parity Water Revenue Bond, Series 2014 of Blanding City, San Juan County, Utah. – Jeremy Redd

Councilmember Laws moved to approve Resolution 3-11-2014-1 – Consideration for an adoption of a Bond Resolution authorizing the issuance of a \$224,000 Parity Water Revenue Bond, Series 2014 of Blanding City, San Juan County, Utah. Councilmember Ogle seconded the motion. Mayor Balch repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Johnson**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Balch declared the motion carried.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Budget Discussion – Water Company – Terry Ekker/Jeremy Redd

Mr. Redd reported statistics regarding the Water Company. There are currently 1357 connections, including residential, commercial and raw water connections. Expenses are up from last year, due to the cost of pumping the wells. The current base rate is \$25.00 with the average monthly water bill being \$38.58. This is below the state average. Mr. Redd also told Council that water service income for the year is down from last year because of the inability to sell water to Denison Mines and also because of conservation efforts of residents.

Mr. Ekker shared details about the water system. He told council there is 25.6 miles of transmission lines and 48.5 miles of distribution lines delivering the water to residents from the treatment plant. The City water treatment plant can treat up to 3 million gallons of water a day. He reminded council that it takes power to run the treatment plant, if the power goes out there is no backup system in place at this time. Mr. Redd commented that discussions are being held with engineers about how to provide backup power for the treatment plant.

Mr. Ekker shared information about “tuberculation”, which is iron buildup in the water pipes. This can be seen in older pipes. Residents will see the residue when the water comes through pipes in a different direction or when there is an increase in velocity, such as when a line breaks. The most effect remedy to reduce the amount of tuberculation in the lines is to periodically flush the lines. Mr. Ekker recommends flushing the lines with an increase in velocity that would clear out some of the tuberculation built up in the lines. The drawback to the recommendation is that it would take at least an acre foot of water. The water would be running down the streets. Councilmember Laws stated he has been in the discussions with Mr. Ekker and Mr. Redd about the flushing plan and supports it, but recommends holding off until the water situation is better. Mr. Redd stated that most likely the flushing will not occur this year.

Mr. Ekker then told Council that water storage is at the same level it was last year. There is currently more culinary water in storage than total storage capacity in 2002. Currently staff is recommending no water restrictions but encouraging water conservation practices. The water situation will be monitored closely throughout the year. Councilmembers were in agreement with the staff recommendation and a public announcement will be made to make residents aware of the current situation and request for conservation.

B. Orangeville Farm Implement – Bret Hosler

Mr. Hosler told Council about a farming implement that had been found on 70 acres of land owned by the City south of town. He stated there are several individuals interested in acquiring the implement. Councilmember Laws told those in attendance the implement was actually a 'mark' used by farmers to make the furrows in their fields. Mr. Hosler commented that the implement was made in Orangeville, Utah. They have been contacted and they are very much interested in having and displaying it in their community. Council agreed to allow Orangeville to have the implement.

7. **INFORMATION**

There was no information shared.

8. **OPEN FORUM**

A. John Brake asked Council why the water being pumped from the deep water wells is not being pumped to the treatment plant. He suggested pumping it back through the raw water line to the treatment plant. Mr. Ekker responded that when funding was secured for the drilling of the wells no additional funds were received to pump the water to the plant. He also stated that the current pump is not capable of pumping the water that far. Mr. Redd reminded everyone that the wells were drilled to help with drought mitigation, which is occurring right now. If pumping the wells becomes a normal activity, the City will most likely investigate treatment alternatives, but at this point it is cost prohibitive. He also commented that although the mineral content of the well water is higher than the surface water, nothing has to be done as the water from the wells exceeds state drinking water standards. Mr. Brake expressed his concern that the well water seems to be only coming to the south end of the City while the north end is still getting the water from the treatment plant. Mr. Ekker responded that the whole community is on well water at this time, and has been for much of the winter.

9. **Councilmember Ogle moved to adjourn. Councilmember Harrison seconded the motion. Mayor Balch repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Harrison
NONE**

Those voting NAY

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Balch declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

By: 

Kim Palmer, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
FEBRUARY 25, 2014
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor:

Calvin Balch

City Councilmembers:

Joe B Lyman

Robert Ogle

Kelly Laws

Taylor Harrison

David Johnson

City Administrator:

Jeremy Redd

Finance Director:

Kim Palmer

City Engineer:

Terry Ekker

General Services Manager:

Jeff Black

Community Development Director:

Bret Hosler

Police Chief:

Lyle Bayles

Staff Engineer:

Patrick Parsons

Community Members: Terri Laws, Kendall Laws, Emily Laws, Cindy Bayles, Braxton Brown, D.L. Tatro, Danon Hulet, John Brake, Julie Parsons, Diane Balch, Meryl McDonald, Levi Meyers, Daphne Meyers, Dan Hurst, Kent Lewis

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Joe Lyman.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Lyman moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the February 11, 2014 meeting, with a change on page 4 to include "... offer a free swim day to coincide with the health fair."**
Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Balch repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Lyman

Councilmember Ogle

Councilmember Laws

Councilmember Harrison

Councilmember Johnson

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Balch declared the motion carried.

3. **OPEN FORUM**

A. National Honor Society - Braxton Brown

Braxton Brown from the San Juan High School National Honor Society approached Council requesting \$300 for the community Easter egg hunt. Councilmember Johnson asked if the \$300 had been budgeted. Mr. Redd responded that it was in the budget, but we still ask that they come in and request the money. A motion and second was made to suspend the rules and give advice and consent for the money to be given to the National Honor Society for the community Easter Egg Hunt.

B. Statement – Kelly Laws

Councilmember Laws read the following statement:

I as the senior City Councilman and Mayor Pro Temp want to offer my sincere apology to our city Manager, Jeremy Redd. Last council meeting I sat and watched Jeremy fed to the lions and did nothing to stop or prevent this attack.

We all recall as Dan Shores expressed his concern about our culinary water supply and the insertion of the well water into the system and his concerns of health and safe use of the water. He made a special effort to put the burden and blame on Jeremy and expressed his distrust of him. It was a very uncomfortable situation for me, however, I can only imagine the discomfort caused to Mr. Redd. For this I would like to apologize for my lack of character, for sitting quietly, and letting you be abused for me and my lack of action.

I want Jeremy and the rest of staff to know my appreciation for each of them and the level of professionalism they show in doing their duties.

I want the public to know and understand that Mr. Redd does not make up the rules that run the City. Those rules are discussed and created by a 5 man council and a Mayor. Mr. Redd and his staff work for us and are only doing their jobs as we expect them to. They have nothing to gain by taking advantage of, or neglecting any one or portion of our citizenry. Therefore, if the citizens are angry at any law, ordinance, or policy they should direct it to us not our professional staff. I promise the citizens that if for any reason Mr. Redd or any other of our staff fail to do their jobs or show any indication of unfairness or inequality I will make it a personal goal to seek out the truth and take whatever corrective action is necessary under my authority.

For the record, it is my opinion that Mr. Redd and his staff are doing a first rate job in representing me as a councilman and the City as a whole.

Thank you,
Blanding City Councilman,
Kelly Laws

C. Tree City USA – Danon Hulet

Danon Hulet shared information about the Tree City USA program. The program is designed to help cities oversee the trees in their parks and community. To be a member of the program a community must meet four

requirements including; Having a beautification or tree committee, have a City tree care ordinance, spend at least \$2.00 per capita per year on the care of trees, and hold an Arbor Day celebration. Mr. Hulet also told Council that an \$8,000 grant is available to help with trees and tree projects. There is also an Arbor Day grant available to help Cities get started. The application to qualify for Tree city USA program is due December 1st.

D. Other

Dewayne Tatro voiced his concerns over the City police department taking vehicles to Cortez and asked if the City was aware this was occurring. Chief Bayles responded that he was aware. He continued to state that those officers have asked permission to continue on to Cortez after having repair work done in Dove Creek. Mr. Tatro asked if the Mayor was going to discuss the other issues he had voiced to him regarding the police department. Mayor Balch responded that he has visited with Chief Bayles about those concerns.

4. REPORTS/DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

A. Terry Ekker presented the Project Status Report.

12" Mountain Line Replacement

The Contractor is completing punch list items. The Dry Wash spur line will most likely be added to the contract.

Blanding 2014 Waterline Projects

The bid opening was held on Monday. The project award, agreement and notice to proceed can happen within the next couple of weeks.

Power Master Plan

The mapping portion of the project has been completed. The system modeling and Capital Facilities Plan is currently in progress.

East Side Sewer Trunk Line

The alignment feasibility and right of way investigation is currently underway. The preliminary profiles are being evaluated.

5. PUBLIC HEARING – ZONING ORDINANCE CHANGE

Councilmember Lyman moved to enter the public hearing for the proposed zoning ordinance change.

Councilmember Harrison seconded the motion. Mayor Balch repeated the motion and asked for discussion.

Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Lyman

Councilmember Ogle

Councilmember Laws

Councilmember Harrison

Councilmember Johnson

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Balch declared the motion carried.

Councilmember Lyman stated that the change will allow those homeowners with smaller homes to build an outbuilding comparable to those homeowners with larger homes. The change only affects those building in R-1 and R-2 residential zones. All other zoning regulations will stay the same.

Mayor Balch asked if there were any other comments on the proposed change. Levi Meyers shared that he feels the change is a step in the right direction. Although it was not the exact change he was proposing, he is pleased with the result. He expressed appreciation for the effort that was made to get this change in place.

Councilmember Lyman moved to leave the public hearing. Councilmember Harrison seconded the motion. Mayor Balch repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE	Councilmember Lyman
	Councilmember Ogle
	Councilmember Laws
	Councilmember Harrison
	Councilmember Johnson

Those voting NAY	NONE
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Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Balch declared the motion carried.

6. ACTION ITEMS

A. Ordinance 2014–1–An Ordinance Regarding Accessory Uses in R-1 and R-2 Residential Zones–Joe Lyman

Councilmember Lyman moved to approve Ordinance 2014 – 1, An Ordinance Regarding Accessory Uses in R-1 and R-2 Residential Zones. Councilmember Harrison seconded the motion. Mayor Balch repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE	Councilmember Lyman
	Councilmember Ogle
	Councilmember Laws
	Councilmember Harrison
	Councilmember Johnson

Those voting NAY	NONE
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Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Balch declared the motion carried.

B. Bid Award – 2014 Waterline Project – Terry Ekker

Councilmember Laws moved to award the 2014 Waterline Project to Precision Pipeline Inc. in the amount of \$663,294.45. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Balch repeated the motion and asked for discussion.

Councilmember Laws asked why Precision Pipeline’s bid was so much lower than the rest. Mr. Ekker responded

that Precision has met all of the requirements for the project showing that they have completed five pipeline projects within the last five years. The references given from those projects were all positive. Mr. Ekker also stated that it was his understanding that Precision had sharpened their pencil and did some leg work with UDOT prior to bidding the project. This allowed them to provide a lower bid.

Following the discussion Mayor Balch called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Harrison
Councilmember Johnson**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Balch declared the motion carried.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Blanding Area Travel Council – Review and 2014 Marketing Plan – Joe Lyman

Councilmember Lyman shared the proposed marketing plan for the 2014 year. The plan shows how the \$60,000 TRT dollars will be spent during the upcoming year. Mr. Redd told Council that the plan is to market the area to people as they are planning their vacations. He also said that TRT revenue was up 19.7%, meaning more people were staying in the motels.

B. Dogs – Mayor Balch

Mayor Balch told Council that he has reviewed the current dog ordinance. He feels that the ordinance needs to be enforced or done away with. Mayor Balch read excerpts from the ordinance including the requirement that all dogs need to be licensed. It is also unlawful to allow a dog to trespass on others private property. Mr. Redd commended City dog catcher, Trent Holliday for the efforts he is making in controlling the dog issue.

Councilmember Laws asked for a report on how many animals were being picked up and how many were being euthanized. Councilmember Ogle stated that through his conversations with Mr. Holliday he learned that the ratio is high on how many animals are euthanized. Chief Bayles also complimented the job Mr. Holliday is doing. He stated that his officers are also willing to pick up dogs when needed. He also stated that several citizens are taking advantage of the animal traps available by the City. Mayor Balch requested that more information regarding the City's dog ordinance and dog catcher be shared with the public.

C. Budget Discussion – Natural Gas – Terry Ekker

Mr. Redd introduced Patrick Parsons, the new City Staff Engineer, to the Council. Patrick is currently working on mapping the natural gas system along with other projects and assignments.

Mr. Redd shared information regarding the Natural Gas system with the Council. There are currently 1129 Natural

Gas Customers, 1051 connections and 76 gas stubs. The system is almost 20 years old and in year 3 of a 5 year gas supply price lock. Councilmember Lyman asked what the prospects were for getting another price lock. Mr. Redd responded that it is highly possible and the City will start looking for another price lock opportunity in the next year or so. The price lock is beneficial if you compare the 2008 dekatherm price of \$7.59 to the 2013 price of \$5.39. Mr. Redd reported that the \$1.1 million Natural Gas loan was paid off in July of 2013. The \$1.8 million loan will be paid off in 2020.

Mr. Ekker shared with Council that the gas company is currently working on mapping the system, identifying future needs, updating the operation and maintenance manual and determining how to best deal with increased regulation and reporting requirements. The goals of the natural gas company are to maintain and expand the distribution system, provide natural gas at an affordable cost and provide safety for citizens and neighbors near the system.

D. Budget Discussion – Police – Lyle Bayles

Chief Bayles shared with council information regarding the Police Department. He stated that no one is exempt from the law, including his own wife. There is a zero tolerance for drugs and alcohol. He shared statistics that show the number of cases are either holding steady or reducing slightly. This was the first time since 2008 this had happened. The current average state crime rate is 31.55% while Blanding City is at 17.41%. The number of officers per 1000 individuals is 1.43 for the City and 2.47 for the state.

Chief Bayles voiced the concerns which include, assaults made on his officers, department building security, the increase in criminal cases and the ability of the department to follow through on weak/minor cases, case preparation, and policy and procedures. There were five aggravated assaults on officers in the past few years.

He told Council there is a need for increased cameras, an alarm system, and the upgrade of the recording systems in vehicles and the building, and an upgrade of the evidence room. The building heating and cooling system upgrade will be completed this year.

Chief Bayles shared some of the changes that have occurred or will be occurring include the movement of the drug task force to a tactical team. This team is currently in place and operating. The tactical team will respond to major crimes in the area.

Councilmember Ogle requested Chief Bayles to give a breakdown of how an additional officer compares to a part-time officer and to overtime. Chief Bayles responded that over the past few years he has increased his overtime budget, knowing that eventually a sixth officer would be needed. However the additional officer will not completely reduce the amount of overtime or the need for part-time officers. It would most likely allow for an increase in citations. Councilmember Ogle stated he would like to see the dollar figures. Chief Bayles responded that he is committed to getting the exact cost.

Mr Redd commented that there is a need to update and remodel the police building. Mayor Balch stated that it may

be easier to get funding for a new public safety and city office than for remodel.

8. **INFORMATION**

A. Councilmember Lyman asked if there had been any progress on 200 West at the hospital. Mr. Ekker responded that no real progress had been made at this point.

Mr. Redd shared that there had been conversation about funding for a large project at Monday night's transportation meeting. He also told Council of a bill being presented at the State Legislature that would require every resident throughout the state to pay an additional dollar to help fund air quality issues on the Wasatch Front. Advice and consent was given for Mr. Redd to write a letter in opposition to the proposed bill.

9. **OPEN FORUM**

A. Meryl McDonald reported the street light was out on the corner of 100 S 500 W.

10. **Councilmember Lyman moved to adjourn. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Balch repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Lyman

Councilmember Laws

Councilmember Ogle

Councilmember Harrison

Councilmember Johnson

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Balch declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

By: 

Kim Palmer, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
FEBRUARY 11, 2014
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor: Calvin Balch

City Councilmembers: Kelly Laws
David Johnson
Joe B Lyman
Robert Ogle
Taylor Harrison

City Administrator: Jeremy Redd

Finance Director: Kim Palmer

City Engineer: Terry Ekker

General Services Manager: Jeff Black

Community Development Director: Bret Hosler

Recreation Director: David Palmer

Police Chief: Lyle Bayles

Community Members: Terri Laws, Emily Laws, Kendall Laws, Cindy Bayles, Jay Jones, Gavin Jones

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by David Johnson.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. Councilmember Lyman moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the January 28, 2014 council meeting with the following change to page 3, removing the words "revisited and", Councilmember Ogle seconded the motion. Mayor Balch repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Harrison**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Balch declared the motion carried.

3. OPEN FORUM

Community member Dan Shores expressed his continued concern over the water coming through the City lines. He asked where the water is sent for testing and where in the line it is tested. Mr. Redd responded that the water is tested at a lab in Salt Lake. The sample for the test is taken monthly from the location where the water enters the system. Mr. Shores asked Council to work on processes to ensure the water is trustworthy. Mayor Balch commented that he has no complaint over the water and is pleased with how the water is being tested and treated. He feels there is not an issue with the water.

Mr. Shores then asked how the City is going to deal with the shortage of officers in the police department. He feels there is a huge need for more officers.

4. REPORTS/DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

A. Mr. Ekker presented the January 2013 Gas and Water Reports.

Mr. Ekker reported that usage is down from the previous year, mostly due to the warmer temperatures.

Mr. Ekker reported that 13.44 acre feet of water went through the water treatment plant in January and 16.60 acre feet was pumped from the wells. Precipitation is at 71% of normal.

B. Police Chief Bayles presented the January 2014 Police Report.

Chief Bayles shared with Council information contained in his report. Diane Bradford is working on a part-time basis after having hip replacement. Chief Bayles told Council he is willing to take any suggestions given by the Council about how to better serve the community. He then shared information regarding a state website that has information regarding the number of cases each police agency deals with on a monthly basis. The site allows him to compare the number of cases handled by his officers to other police agencies in the state. To locate the site search for Utah crime statistics on the Internet.

D. Craig Stanley presented the January 2014 Fire Report.

Chief Stanley reported that eleven firefighters attended the Winter Fire School in January.

E. David Palmer presented the January 2014 Recreation Report.

Mr. Palmer reported that boys' basketball and girls' volleyball are in full swing. Wellness Center revenues are continuing to stay level.

5. ACTION ITEMS

A. Net Metering Program Change – Jeremy Redd

Councilmember Lyman moved to approve the change to the net metering policy. The change will set the rate yearly at the average low load cost of power. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Balch repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Lyman

Councilmember Ogle

Councilmember Johnson

Councilmember Laws

Councilmember Harrison

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Balch declared the motion carried.

B. Health Fair – Wellness Center Fee Waiver – Robert Ogle

Councilmember Ogle shared information about the Health Fair scheduled for June 7th at the Wellness Center. There is scheduled to be 80 different booths, health seminars, health screening and other health care preventive activities. A 5K run is also scheduled. He continued to say that the event has some corporate support and the county has committed \$3,000. The fair organizers are requesting a waiver of the \$250.00 rental fee for the Wellness Center.

Councilmember Ogle moved to waive the \$250.00 Wellness Center rental fee for the Health Fair scheduled for June 7, 2014. Councilmember Laws seconded the motion. Mayor Balch repeated the motion and asked for discussion.

Councilmember Ogle stated that the Wellness Center was built to promote health for our citizens and the scheduled health fair is in line with that philosophy. It would also promote the center. Councilmember Johnson asked if the center is available. David Palmer responded that it was and the event has been scheduled. Councilmember Laws asked who would be responsible for cleaning

up the facility after the fair. Mr. Palmer responded that according to the rental agreement the renter is responsible for cleanup.

Following the discussion Mayor Balch called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Harrison**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Balch declared the motion carried.

Councilmember Ogle then moved on to the second request by the Health fair.

Councilmember Ogle moved to accept a request made by the San Juan County Health Coalition for use of the pool for a free swim during their Health Fair on June 7, 2014. Councilmember Laws seconded the motion. Mayor Balch repeated the motion and asked for discussion.

Councilmember Laws stated there will be a need for lifeguards, which is an additional cost to the City. David Palmer explained that there will be a need for six lifeguards, but it would not be an additional cost to the City because the pool will be open either way. Councilmember Johnson suggested a free swim from 10:00am – 12:00pm, to not interfere with the pools regular open swim hours. The rental cost of the pool is \$125.00 per hour. Councilmember Laws suggested the City offer the open swim as a promotional tool for the Wellness Center during the event rather than the health fair offer it.

Following the discussion a substitute motion was made.

Councilmember Lyman moved for the City to offer a free swim day on June 7, 2014. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Balch repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Ogle**

Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Harrison

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Balch declared the motion carried.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Zoning Ordinance Change – Joe Lyman

Councilmember Lyman reviewed the proposed change to the zoning ordinance. A public hearing for the proposed change is scheduled.

B. Proposed Budget Schedule

Mr. Redd shared the proposed budget schedule with Council. He stated that the proposed 2015 budget would be available for their review by the end of April. There will be three weeks before the scheduled work session on May 20th for review of the budget. The budget is scheduled to be approved at the June 10th council meeting.

C. Budget Discussion – Process Overview – Jeremy Redd

Mr. Redd shared that each department will have an opportunity to give an overview of their department during the next couple of Council meetings. This will be a good time for Council to give the departments any suggestions or direction. Mr. Redd stated that 40% of the general fund is police, 14% is the Wellness Center, 11% is parks and recreation and 8% is fire. The General Fund is 25% of the total expenses for the City and the Enterprise Fund is the remaining 75%.

D. Budget Discussion – Visitor Center – Harold Lyman/Jeremy Redd

Harold Lyman told Council that the center has been in operation for 12 years. He stated that one of the challenges the center faces is getting individuals to enter the information center after using the restrooms. Councilmember Johnson asked what type of reaction is being received by the Veterans Memorial. Mr. Lyman responded they are seeing very little and to his knowledge no one has used the online portion of the memorial at the center. Mr. Lyman stated that participation at the Center was down 10% for last year and sales were also down. However, compared to January 2013, visitation at the Center was up by 56.6% and sales were up 212%. This was the third best January

on record.

The Edge of the Cedars has just received funding to open on Sundays and would like to see the Visitor Center also open. The schedule would be April– October from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The cost to the City would be less than \$2000. Councilmember Laws firmly stated that there is nothing to gain by opening on Sunday and he is 100% against it. This is not what we are as a community. Councilmember Harrison stated his agreement with Councilmember Laws, as did Mayor Balch. Councilmember Ogle commended the staff at the Visitor Center for their dedication. He does however have a concern of the continued loss of revenue at the Center. He questioned if there wasn't something that could be done to reduce hours during the slower part of the year to save money. Mr. Lyman responded that currently the Center is open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for winter hours and from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the summer. The agreement with UDOT requires that the Center's restrooms are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

E. Budget Discussion – Parks & Recreation/Wellness Center – David Palmer

David Palmer shared information about the Wellness Center and the Recreation programs. He stated that there is a need for additional rooms for the fitness classes. The classes continue to be overly full. The mowing and trimming of the parks will be done through a contract with Lawn Max this summer.

Councilmember Laws asked if there were capital improvement dollars set aside to replace broken or worn out equipment at the Wellness Center. Mr. Redd responded that yes there is savings that will be used for those items when the need arises.

F. Budget Discussion – Planning & Zoning/Airport – Bret Hosler

Bret Hosler discussed the Planning and Zoning department and its purpose in the City. He stated that there is continued community involvement in the economic development and planning for the City. Blanding is the location of the first Tesla charging station in the state of Utah.

Mr. Hosler shared with Council several repairs currently being completed at the airport including the removal of the floor tile in the airport terminal. The concrete floor will then be cleaned up, polished and stained by Tri-Hurst Construction. The runway was also sealed and recoated last year.

G. Budget Discussion – Fire Department – Craig Stanley

Chief Craig Stanley discussed the Fire Department with the Council. He told them that there are currently 22 active firefighters. During the past year a \$13,000 grant was received that enabled the department to equip the new fire truck for wildland fires. \$15,000 has been received from the County for the replacement of outdated breathing apparatuses. The cost of those are about \$7,500 per apparatus.

7. INFORMATION

A. Councilmember Lyman told Council that there is currently a discussion regarding the future development of 200 West. A developer has inquired about future development in the area.

8. OPEN FORUM

A. Harold Lyman expressed appreciation to the City crews for their continued support in keeping the Visitor Center repaired and functioning properly.

9. Councilmember Lyman moved to adjourn. Councilmember Ogle seconded the motion. Mayor Balch repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote.

Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Lyman

Councilmember Johnson

Councilmember Ogle

Councilmember Laws

Councilmember Harrison

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Balch declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

By:  _____
Kim Palmer, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
JANUARY 28, 2014
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor:	Calvin Balch
City Councilmembers:	Joe B Lyman
	Robert Ogle
	Kelly Laws
	Taylor Harrison
City Administrator:	Jeremy Redd
Finance Director:	Kim Palmer
City Engineer:	Terry Ekker
General Services Manager:	Jeff Black
Community Development Director:	Bret Hosler
Police Chief:	Lyle Bayles

Absent: Councilmember David Johnson

Community Members: Harold Lyman, Terri Laws, Crystal Holt, Linda Larson, Carter Redd, Kendall Laws, Emily Laws, Dan Shores, Mike Moulton, Spencer Moulton, Cindy Bayles.

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Jeremy Redd.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Laws moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the January 14, 2014 meeting, Councilmember Ogle seconded the motion. Mayor Balch repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Harrison**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Balch declared the motion carried.

3. **OPEN FORUM**

A. San Juan County – Health Fair Request – Linda Larson

Linda Larson from the San Juan County Health Coalition told Council about the annual Health Fair that will be held June 7th at the Wellness Center. The group is requesting Council to waive the rental fee of the Wellness Center for the fair and allow a free swim from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Councilmember Ogle will bring the request back as a discussion item.

B. Community member Dan Shores voiced a concern over the current water situation and particularly the sediment that is showing up in his water line. He questioned why water being pumped from the wells is not being sent to the water treatment plant before entering the system. He also asked why the wells were being pumped only on the weekends when City employees are not working. Mr. Redd responded that the wells are pumped after hours and on weekends to reduce the electrical cost of pumping the wells. Running the water pumped from the wells to the treatment plant is cost prohibitive and installing some type of treatment plant at each well would be \$250,000 per well, which is also not feasible at this time. He continued to say that all water is tested regularly and has passed all water quality testing. Councilmember Laws commented that the wells are being pumped to ensure they are functioning correctly in the event we have to pump them more often. Councilmember Ogle asked if there was any way to test water inside a residence. Mr. Redd responded that a resident can request to have a sample tested from their home.

Mr. Shores then inquired on the number of officers employed by the City. Chief Bayles responded there are five full-time and two part-time officers.

4. **REPORTS/DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

A. Terry Ekker presented the Project Status Report.

12" Mountain Line Replacement

The Contractor is completing the punch list items on the project. Mr. Ekker shared that the Dry Wash spur line could be a change order to the project.

Blanding 2014 Waterline Projects

The design is at 99% complete for the project. The bid opening is planned for February 19, 2014.

Power Master Plan

The mapping portion of the project has been completed. The system modeling and Capital Facilities Plan is currently in progress. A presentation on the master plan will be given in March or April.

East Side Sewer Trunk Line

The alignment feasibility and right of way investigation is currently underway.

Councilmember Lyman asked what the spur line change order means. Mr. Ekker responded that a change order could be written for the current Blue Mountain project which would allow the current contractor to complete the spur line. Mr. Redd commented that of all the contractors that were pre-qualified for the Blue Mountain project Silver Spur has the best price on the project per lineal foot.

5. **ACTION ITEMS**

A. Approve 10 Year Capital Projects Plan – Jeremy Redd

Mr. Redd reminded Council of the discussion that was held at the prior council meeting regarding the Capital Projects Plan. A requested change was made to add a specific storm water project to the plan rather than just showing a yearly project amount for storm water.

Councilmember Laws moved to approve the 10 Year Capital Projects Plan. Councilmember Harrison seconded the motion. Mayor Balch repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Lyman

Councilmember Ogle

Councilmember Laws

Councilmember Harrison

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Balch declared the motion carried.

6. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. Proposed Change to Net Metering Program – Jeremy Redd

Mr. Redd told Council that three electrical customers are currently taking advantage of the net metering program. The City has two net metering locations and a city resident has one. The current rate is \$0.045 per kWh, which was set by council. Mr. Redd is proposing that each January the rate be adjusted based on the "average low load per kWh cost of power" from the previous year. The average cost for 2013 is \$0.058 per kWh.

B. Glen Canyon Management Plan Response Letter – Joe Lyman

Councilmember Lyman shared that he had reviewed the Glen Canyon Management Plan and written a draft response letter. He asked for Council's input and feedback on the letter. Councilmember Ogle questioned if the response letter would be interpreted that we really do care what occurs. Mayor Balch commented that the more we say the better. Councilmember Laws stated that we definitely want to be on record as making a comment. Advice and consent was given for the letter to be sent.

C. Zoning Change Ordinance – Joe Lyman

Councilmember Lyman reminded Council that the proposed zoning change has been discussed several times in recent Council meetings. The current ordinance appears to be an unfair restriction on smaller homes that have a similar footprint and lot size to a home with more square footage. The Planning and Zoning Commission is comfortable with the proposed change. He would like to see the proposed change move to a public hearing. Discussion on the item was scheduled for February 11, and advice and consent was given to advertise for a public hearing on the change at the February 25th meeting.

7. INFORMATION

A. Mayor Balch reported that a meeting was held on Monday to discuss the water situation in the Westwater community. The meeting involved the City and representatives from the Navajo tribe and Utah Navajo Trust Fund.

8. OPEN FORUM

A. Dan Shores asked if the proposed zoning change would affect setbacks. The response was that it would not.

B. Terry Ekker reminded Council about the pipeline safety meeting on Thursday at 5:30 at the Arts and Events center.

9. Councilmember Lyman moved to adjourn. Councilmember Harrison seconded the motion. Mayor Balch repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Lyman

Councilmember Laws

Councilmember Ogle

Councilmember Harrison

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Balch declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

By: _____

Kim Palmer, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
JANUARY 14, 2014
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor: Calvin Balch

City Councilmembers: Kelly Laws
David Johnson
Joe B Lyman
Robert Ogle
Taylor Harrison

City Administrator: Jeremy Redd

Finance Director: Kim Palmer

City Engineer: Terry Ekker

General Services Manager: Jeff Black

Community Development Director: Bret Hosler

Recreation Director: David Palmer

Police Chief: Lyle Bayles

Community Members: Diane Balch, Kevin Blake, Donna Blake, Terri Laws, Emily Laws, Kendall Laws, Joel Tate, Barbara Tate, Cindy Bayles, Sherri Montella, DJ Howell, Jordan Lacy, Walt Lacy, Bret Jacobsen, Luke Jacobsen, Staten Perkins, Nicole Perkins, Dylan Howell.

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Kim Palmer.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Lyman moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the December 10, 2013 meeting with the following change to page 2 regarding David Palmer absent because he was at the basketball draft, Councilmember Ogle seconded the motion. Mayor Balch repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Johnson**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Balch declared the motion carried.

3. Prior to the open forum portion of the meeting Mayor Balch read the following statement.
- In D & C there is a scripture that says, "And the rebellious shall be pierced with much sorrow, for their iniquities shall be spoken upon the housetops, and their secret acts shall be revealed." I feel that applies to me at this time.

On 6 Jan 2014 at about 12:45 pm I was in a meeting behind closed doors with Jeremy Redd, Lyle Bayles and myself, Calvin Balch. During that meeting I discussed an incident that one of Mr. Bayles' officers had at my home last summer. After the discussion I made a comment in frustration that could have been taken to mean that I meant harm to that officer, then I said now that, that is off my shoulders I can get on with life. Thanks for listening and being at this meeting. The meeting ended and we went our ways. I thought the matter was over, but it has evidently gone public. What was the meant by the comment I made? Absolutely nothing, it was a comment made from frustration similar to an incident last fall when many citizens from Blanding were at a football game in Moab and many comments were made about killing refs and many other unkind things. Nothing was meant by those comments and certainly nothing was meant by my comment. I have no frustration with or animosity toward any of Mr. Bayles' officers.

For making that comment I apologize to our P.C. Mr. Bayles, to the citizens of Blanding, to the City Council, and to my family.

There was a comment made by President Uchtdorf in this month's Ensign that I believe is appropriate. He said, "With every new day, a new dawn comes – not only for the earth but also for us. And with a new day comes a new start –a chance to begin again." I hope we can now begin again.

4. **OPEN FORUM**

A. Barbara Tate questioned the notice on her door regarding the need for her trees to be pruned to meet City ordinance. She noticed that there were City trees that needed pruning and suggested the City prune their trees also.

5. **REPORTS/DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

A. Mr. Ekker presented the December 2013 Gas and Water Report

One 2" gas service was installed in December. He stated that natural gas usage is up from last year.

Mr. Ekker told Council that Well B is still not repaired. The crew is still troubleshooting the problem and will need to do more repair work to bring it up and running. Precipitation is 70% of average.

B. Water Company Financial Review – Jeremy Redd

Mr. Redd told council that reports show that citizens have been very conservative with water, which is good for the drought, but not so good for City water revenue. There is a reduction of \$55,000 in revenues due to the inability to sell water to Denison Mines. The remaining \$40,605 is from the conservation efforts of citizens. The additional cost to pump deep wells for water this year is \$34,407.

Mr. Redd also pointed out that the Visitor Center Park used 908,000 less gallons of water and Centennial Park used 835,000 less than last year.

Councilmember Lyman asked if a budget adjustment would be necessary. Mr. Redd responded that rates were raised to help offset the cost of pumping the wells. It is not currently necessary to open and adjust the budget. Mr. Redd stated that if the needed water is not received there will be a need to make some tough decisions on how to handle the lack of water.

Councilmember Ogle asked what plans the Mill has to be able to continue working. Mr. Redd responded he spoke with Harold Roberts who stated they would like to run the facility for two or three months this summer. They are currently the only operating uranium mill in the United States. Councilmember Johnson asked if the Mill wells were up and running. Mr. Redd responded that two wells are running, but it is not enough to meet their needs.

Councilmember Lyman suggested a work session might be necessary to review and discuss what might need to take place if the water situation does not change.

C. Police Chief Bayles presented the December 2013 Police Report.

Chief Bayles shared with Council information contained in his report. Public Safety runs on a 28 day work period or 160 hours. He reported that there has been an increase in contacts, citations and calls compared to last year.

The department currently has three part-time officers which helps reduce the amount of overtime by regular officers. Part-time officers are cheaper than paying overtime to regular full-time officers.

D. Jeremy Redd presented the December 2013 Fire Report.

Mr. Redd told Council that Fire Chief Stanley was unable to attend the meeting and asked him to present the report. The month of December was slow. Mr. Redd stated that several firefighters had just returned from the annual fire school.

E. David Palmer presented the December 2013 Recreation Report.

Mr. Palmer reported that 200 memberships were sold to the college for \$11,000. The center is used quite regularly by those members. An additional security guard is present to help oversee the additional members attending. The cost of this individual is shared between the College and the City. Mr. Palmer stated that oversight of the individual is handled by the City.

6. ACTION ITEMS

A. Resolution – 1-14-2014-1 – Appointment of City Officers – Mayor Balch

Councilmember Lyman moved to approve Resolution 1-14-2014-1 – The Appointment of City Officers. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Balch repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Harrison**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Balch declared the motion carried.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Open Meetings Act Annual Training – Mayor Balch

Mayor Balch discussed with Council the Open Meetings Act. According to the Act if three or more Councilmembers have a discussion regarding City business it is considered a meeting. It was discussed that this could also be applied to texting and emailing. Councilmember Lyman suggested that more clarification be necessary to ensure the Act is interpreted correctly. Mr. Redd will do some research and gather more information regarding this item.

B. Capital Project Plan – Jeremy Redd

Mr. Redd told council that the items listed on the Capital Projects list are included in the City's master plan. The list is sent to the county where it is combined with other county projects and sent onto the Southeastern Utah Association of Governments and then on to the Community Impact Board (CIB). Projects must be on the list with CIB before the board will approve funding for them.

Mr. Redd shared that \$6000 is saved yearly for storm water projects. When there is ample funds a project will be completed. There are currently 1.2 million dollars worth of projects that cannot be completed until there is funding in place.

Mr. Redd continued to share information about the City electrical system. The electrical engineers who recently evaluated the system reported the infrastructure is in good shape. A list of recommended projects is currently being designed by the engineers. One recommendation by the engineers is to move everything to a 12kva line. He also suggested the City consider a project to address coordination of fuses on the system. This would help with city-wide outages and also help crews identify outage problems quicker.

Mr. Redd shared that the next project scheduled to go to CIB for funding is for the East-Side Sewer Trunk Line. Capacity issues with the current line have required that this project be moved to the top of the list. Some preliminary work has been completed on where to place the line. Mr. Redd said that the City will be approaching CIB in May/June for funding. The project would start spring 2015.

C. Natural Gas Audit Review – Terry Ekker

Mr. Ekker reported that the natural gas audit was held in November. The audit was for 2012. The operator's procedures and records are in compliance with code.

D. Proposed Zoning Change - Joe Lyman

Councilmember Lyman reviewed the discussion that was held at the previous meeting. He asked that the item be placed on the January 28th council meeting.

E. City Council Assignments/Council Information – Mayor Balch

Mayor Balch asked Council to review the council member assignments in the packet. Councilmember Laws will remain as Mayor Pro Tempore.

F. Recapture ATV Trail Proposal Letter – Jeremy Redd

Mr. Redd stated that he received a letter from the BLM requesting comments for the next 40 days on the Recapture Canyon ATV Trail System Right of Way. He has written a letter in response. Council gave advice and consent for the letter to be mailed.

G. Sale of Surplus Vehicles – Jeremy Redd

Mr. Redd asked for advice and consent for the sale of three surplus vehicles. Council gave advice and consent for the vehicles to be sold as surplus property.

8. **INFORMATION**

A. Damage Prevention Awareness Seminar

Mr. Ekker informed Council about the Damage Prevention Awareness Seminar that will be held on

January 30th at 5:30 pm at the Arts and Events Center. The meeting will last approximately two-hours. Councilmembers committed to attend the meeting. Mayor Balch will be out of town that evening.

9. **OPEN FORUM**

A. There were no comments from the public.

10. **Councilmember Ogle moved to adjourn. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Balch repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Harrison**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Balch declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

By: 

Kim Palmer, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
DECEMBER 10, 2013
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor:	Toni Turk
City Councilmembers:	David Johnson
	Joe B Lyman
	Robert Ogle
	Charlie Taylor
City Administrator:	Jeremy Redd
Finance Director:	Kim Palmer
City Engineer:	Terry Ekker
General Services Manager:	Jeff Black
Community Development Director:	Bret Hosler
Police Chief:	Lyle Bayles
Fire Chief:	Craig Stanley

Community Members: Kendall Laws, Terri Laws, Robert Turk, Barbara Turk, Calvin Balch, Ed Johnstun, Cindy Bayles, Taylor Harrison

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Mayor Turk.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Lyman moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the November 12, 2013 meeting, Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

3. **OPEN FORUM**

A. There were no comments from the public.

B. Presentation of Service Plaques – Mayor Turk & Kelly Laws

Mayor Turk presented Councilmember Taylor with a plaque for his 5 years of service as a City councilmember. Councilmember Laws presented Mayor Turk with a plaque for his 10 years of service as the Mayor of Blanding.

4. **REPORTS/DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

A. Mr. Ekker presented the November 2013 Gas and Water Reports.

Mr. Ekker shared that usage is up from 2012. A 1" service has been installed at the Riley Pugh residence. Three ½" services have also been installed.

Mr. Ekker reported that wells A & C are still being pumped. The problem at well B is still being worked on to get it back online.

B. Chief Stanley presented the November 2013 Fire Report. Chief Stanley reported that the fire department was involved in the carbon monoxide incident at the Montezuma Creek elementary school. The department also participated in a joint training exercise with the Blue Mountain Hospital, the mill and other San Juan County departments.

C. Mr. Redd presented the November 2013 Recreation Report

Mr. Redd told council that the boys' basketball draft was taking place that night. Wellness revenue is up from last year.

5. **ACTION ITEMS**

A. Approve 2014 Council Meeting Schedule – Kim Palmer

Councilmember Lyman moved to approve the 2014 City Council Schedule. Councilmember Ogle seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

B. Approve 2014 Holiday Schedule – Kim Palmer

Councilmember Johnson moved to approve the 2014 Holiday Schedule. Councilmember Ogle seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

C. Enterprise Zone Renewal – Jeremy Redd

Mr. Redd reminded Council that the renewal for the Enterprise Zone is completed every 4 years. At that time an Enterprise Zone renewal application must be resubmitted.

Councilmember Lyman moved to approve the Enterprise Zone renewal application. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

6. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. Proposed Zoning Change – Joe Lyman

Mayor Turk reminded Council that at the last meeting it was suggested that information about public hearings be posted through social media. This method would most likely reach a few more people than the paper currently does. The law requires it is published in the paper for two weeks prior to the hearing, which would continue. But because Blanding does not currently have a paper it is probably not the best place to assume citizens are getting the information about the hearing.

Councilmember Lyman reminded council of the prior discussion regarding the proposed zoning change. After researching zoning ordinances it was discovered that the City's zoning ordinances are relatively

open. However, citizens that have smaller homes are hindered more on what they can build based on the current ordinance. To equalize the current ordinance for smaller homes the Planning Commission is suggesting amending item E of the ordinance, which currently reads, "Does not include a floor area of over fifty percent (50%) of the floor area of the permitted use." To read, "Does not include a floor area over fifty percent of the floor area of the permitted use or 1000 square feet, whichever is larger.

Councilmember Laws commented that he likes the direction the change is going. However he suggested that lot size be considered as part of the change. Councilmember Lyman responded that all other zoning ordinances and building ordinances will not change. So small lots may still hinder the size of the shed that can be built.

It was recommended that the Planning Commission study and discuss the idea of including a minimum lot size in the ordinance change.

B. Councilmember Taylor Farewell Comments – Charlie Taylor

Councilmember Taylor expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to serve the residents of Blanding. He also expressed appreciation to his fellow councilmembers. He stated that the best part of the past five years has been the opportunity to work with City staff. He encouraged the Council to continue their support of all City employees.

C. Mayor Turk Farewell Comments – Mayor Turk

Mayor Turk's Farewell Comments

It has been my great privilege and honor to serve the citizens of Blanding as their Mayor over the past decade. I have treated this opportunity as a Sacred Trust. In advancing the interests of our City I have also taken on other assignments, including:

- Transitions Board of Directors – Chair
- San Juan County Higher Education Advisory Board – Chair
- San Juan County Health Service District Board of Directors – Member
- San Juan County Homeless Coordination Committee – Chair
- Southeastern Utah Housing Authority – Commissioner

While traveling extensively on City business, I never asked for travel reimbursement.

Blanding City Major Achievements (2004-2013) – a **team effort** of Mayor, Council, Administration and Others:

- Communications – Cell Tower; Fiber Optics
- Education (USU Blanding) – Administration Building, Adult Learning Center, Dorms, Health Science Building, Library, Maintenance Building, Student Center
- Fire – Fire Truck Purchase, Station Expansion
- Health – Blue Mountain Hospital
- Housing – Crown Homes, Grayson Apartments, New Sub-Divisions, Self-Help Homes
- Police – Peace Keeping Balanced with Law Enforcement
- Recreation – Park Improvements (Centennial, Central, Pioneer, Skate, Walter C. Lyman); Recreational-Use Annexation of Public Land; Wellness Center
- Tourism – Centennial Celebration (2005), Local Expenditure of TRT Funds, Main Street Beautification, Tesla recharging station
- Transportation – Airport Improvements (\$1.7M); Road Improvements (\$5.3M)
- Veterans Memorial – Physical Building and Online Memorial
- Water – Blue Mountain Tunnel Restoration, Deep Wells, In-Town Waterline Upgrades, Mountain Pipeline Replacement, New Water Treatment Plant, Storm Water

Blanding City Fiscal Status (2004-2013):

- Reduced Overall Debt
- Significantly Increased Savings – for future major infrastructure projects
- Reduced Property Tax Rate nine out of ten budgets

Blanding **Mayor** Initiatives

- Appointments – City Administrator, City Judge, Fire Chief, Police Chief
- Fire – Fire Truck Purchase (\$325K)
- Police – Peace Keeping Balanced with Law Enforcement
- Water – Mountain Pipeline Replacement (\$2M)
- Veterans Memorial – Physical Building and Online Memorial (\$35K plus over 1000 hours of effort)

Requests from **Citizen** Turk to the incoming Mayor and Council:

- Please continue advocacy for USU – Blanding and collaborative efforts with the Edge of the Cedars Museum to develop the annexed land adjacent to the college to develop an archeology program
- Please continue advocacy for the return of San Juan County Anasazi artifact collections to Blanding
- Please continue progressive infrastructure & economic development
- Please continue protection of individual home owner rights through vigilant support of zoning ordinances
- Please continue equal enforcement of the law without preference or prejudice
- Please continue zero tolerance for illegal drugs and alcohol offenses
- Please continue to maintain the Blanding Veterans Memorial
- Please celebrate the City's Incorporation Centennial in 2016

In conclusion, I would like to pay special tribute to two Councilmen and one former Councilman who died in the tragic plane crash in August 2008 – Brian Bayles, Eric Johnson & Kim Acton and to Fire Chief Kent Hawkins who died suddenly in January 2011. I would also like to honor those that died in either Iraq or Afghanistan, who died for us all: Quinn A. Keith, James E. Thode, Nathan L. Winder & Jason Workman. Finally, I would like to thank our citizens for having afforded me the opportunity to serve. Thanks!!!!

7. **INFORMATION**

A. Oath of Office Ceremony – Monday January 6th – 12:00 noon – City Office – Jeremy Redd

Mr. Redd invited council to attend the Oath of Office Ceremony on January 6th at 12:00 noon.

8. **OPEN FORUM**

A. There were no comments from the public

9. **Councilmember Taylor moved to adjourn. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

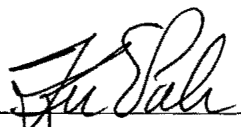
**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

By: 

Kim Palmer, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
NOVEMBER 12, 2013
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor:	Toni Turk
City Councilmembers:	David Johnson
	Kelly Laws
	Joe B Lyman
	Robert Ogle
	Charlie Taylor
City Administrator:	Jeremy Redd
Finance Director:	Kim Palmer
City Engineer:	Terry Ekker
General Services Director:	Jeff Black
Community Development Director:	Bret Hosler
Police Chief:	Lyle Bayles
Fire Chief:	Craig Stanley

Community Members: Terri Laws, Kendall Laws, Emily Laws, Craig Halls, Calvin Balch, Taylor Harrison

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Charlie Taylor

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Lyman moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the October 22, 2013 meeting, Councilmember Ogle seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

3. **OPEN FORUM**

A. There were no comments from the public.

4. **REPORTS/DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

A. Terry Ekker presented the October 2013 Gas and Water Reports. He reported that the annual natural gas compliance audit will take place next week.

Mr. Ekker also reported that 30 acre feet of water was pumped from the city wells during the month of October. He further commented that crews are troubleshooting an issue with well B, and the plan is to have it repaired this week.

B. Lyle Bayles presented the October 2013 Police Report. Chief Bayles told the Council that the report covers a two month time period. He also requested permission to hire Shane Johnson as a part-time officer. Mr. Johnson is Federal officer who is also state certified. There were no objections to the hiring from the Council.

C. Craig Stanley presented the October 2013 Fire Report. Chief Stanley shared that firefighters will be participating in a joint hazmat exercise with local EMT's, hospital staff and law enforcement on Friday.

D. Jeremy Redd presented the October 2013 Recreation Report. Mr. Redd reported that boys basketball registration will begin next week. He pointed out that revenue for the Wellness Center is back up and appears to be leveling out.

5. **ACTION ITEMS**

A. Canvass 2013 Election – Jeremy Redd

Mr. Redd reported that the City has a total of 1459 registered voters. The election saw 429, which was a 29% turnout of those registered voters. Calvin Balch running unopposed was elected as Mayor. Robert Ogle and Taylor Harrison were elected as councilmembers. Mayor Turk congratulated each of those selected. He also thanked and complimented Councilmember Taylor for his years of service as a City Councilmember.

Councilmember Lyman moved to approve and canvass the results of the November 2013 Election. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Laws
NONE**

Those voting NAY

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

B. Award Landscaping Bid – Jeremy Redd

Mr. Redd told the Council that two bids were received from local contractors for the lawn mowing and trimming at the City's parks and buildings. The low bid was received from Lawn Max. Councilmember Lyman asked what the City's capital investment is in doing the work. Mr. Redd responded that the City has mowers, trailers and a truck. Outsourcing would reduce the City's investment in the necessary equipment, and also reduce payroll costs. Councilmember Ogle asked who would be responsible for the sprinkler head damage that might occur. Mr. Redd responded that would be covered in the contract with the contractor.

Councilmember Taylor moved to award the bid for mowing and trimming on City's property to Lawn Max and gave Mr. Redd permission to draw up the contract. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion.

Councilmember Johnson asked how long the contract with Lawn Max would be for. Mr. Redd responded that because Lawn Max will be investing in new equipment a three year contract would be fair. Councilmember Taylor asked who would be taking care of the fertilizing and aeration. Mr. Redd answered that the City parks crew would continue to take care of the fertilizing and aeration. The contract with Lawn Max would only be for mowing and trimming.

Upon completion of the discussion Mayor Turk called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Snow Removal Priority List – Jeremy Redd

Mr. Redd stated that he met with Kelly Pehrson, Lynn Laws and Todd Hurst from the County to discuss the City's snow removal priorities and routes. He reported that from the meeting he learned that the City has no control over when the County will come to plow. He reminded Council that the City does not dispatch the County snow plows. They have a priority list and calling to request a change will most

likely not occur. Councilmember Taylor firmly stated that if an officer sees an area that could affect the safety of the citizens they have an obligation to request the snow plows to that area. Mr. Redd responded that according the County officials he met with the officers can make that request through county dispatch. Councilmember Laws stated that the officers have the right to shut down a highway and request snow plows and they also have the right to shut down a City street. They have a moral obligation to protect the citizens. Chief Bayles was asked what his thoughts were on the subject. He responded that this is the only place he has worked that the snow plow operators tell the officers no when they have been requested. Councilmember Lyman suggested that a discussion be held with the County concerning emergency situations and services, aside from the general plowing. A request should only be made for emergency situations not general plowing situations. The Council was in agreement that calls from the public do not need to be made, however if an officer sees a hazardous situation they need to make the call and get a response. Mr. Redd said he will continue to have further discussions with the County regarding emergency situations.

Mr. Redd reviewed the City's snow removal schedule. City crews begin at 7:00 am with clearing the Police Station, Fire Station, City Office, Visitor Center and the Wellness Center. Councilmember Laws stated that the Wellness Center should not open until the snow is removed. There is a liability issue if it is opened before the snow has been cleared. Mr. Redd told the Council that heat tape and other drainage repairs have been done to increase the safety of those visiting the Wellness Center.

7. **INFORMATION**

A. City Christmas Party

Mr. Redd shared that the City Christmas party is scheduled for Thursday, December 12th at 6:00 p.m. at the Arts and Events Center.

8. **OPEN FORUM**

A. Taylor Harrison commented that if an officer or firemen feels the roads are unsafe they need to make the call and the County needs to respect the call.

B. Craig Halls reminded Council that if you put someone on call to monitor the weather you will have to pay them for that.

9. **Councilmember Lyman moved to enter an executive session. Councilmember Ogle seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson**

Those voting NAY

**Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Laws
NONE**

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

The Council adjourned to an executive session at 7:54 p.m.

Councilmember Ogle moved to leave the executive session. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

The Council returned from the executive session at 8:48 p.m.

8. ACTION ITEMS

A. Award Legal Service Bid – Jeremy Redd

Councilmember Ogle moved to award the City's legal services contract to Kendall Laws. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Laws**

Those Abstaining

Councilmember Taylor

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Councilmember Lyman moved to adjourn. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Taylor

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

By: 

Kim Palmer, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
OCTOBER 22, 2013
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor:	Toni Turk
City Councilmembers:	David Johnson
	Joe B Lyman
	Robert Ogle
	Charlie Taylor
City Administrator:	Jeremy Redd
Finance Director:	Kim Palmer
City Engineer:	Terry Ekker
General Services Manager:	Jeff Black
Community Development Director:	Bret Hosler

Absent: Councilmember Kelly Laws

Community Members: Tom Wiggington, Levi Meyer, Taylor Harrison, Calvin Balch, Kendall Ekker

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Robert Ogle.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Lyman moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the October 8, 2013 meeting, Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Taylor**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

3. **OPEN FORUM**

A. There were no comments from the public.

4. **REPORTS/DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

A. Mr. Ekker presented the October 2013 Project Status Report.

12" Mountain Line Replacement Project

Mr. Ekker reported that water is passing through the new diversion structure. The meter vault near the 3rd Reservoir will be completed in the next couple of weeks.

Blanding 2013 Waterline Projects

The design is 90% completed. The project is schedule for construction in 2014.

Power Master Plan

The project kick off meeting has been scheduled for the first week in November.

East Side Sewer Trunk Line

The alignment feasibility and right of way investigation is currently underway.

5. **ACTION ITEMS**

A. Appoint Election Poll Workers --- Jeremy Redd

Councilmember Taylor moved to approve Leeann Bowring, Adele Lovell, Candace Mahon and LaNell Stringham as election poll workers for the November 5th election. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Taylor**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

6. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. Zoning Ordinance Change – Outbuildings – Robert Ogle

Councilmember Ogle shared that Levi Meyer met with the Planning and Zoning committee about his request for a variance for an outbuilding on his property. No decision was made at that committee meeting. Councilmember Ogle asked what other Council members feelings were in regards to the outbuilding ordinance. In response to the question, Mayor Turk distributed the City's zoning map established in 1979. He reminded Council that if there is going to be a discussion on changing the

ordinance the community will need to be made aware of those discussions and allowed to participate. He continued to say that "Good policy is almost always made in the abstract rather than in the specific". He then asked if the request should not be dealt with by the Board of Adjustments. Mr. Hosler responded that the situation does not meet the criteria of the Board of Adjustments. Councilmember Lyman stated that a policy is made or changed when a question is raised. When a question is raised then it needs to be examined. He continued to say that the Planning Commission had appeared to be somewhat in favor of a change, however, no final answer was given. Mayor Turk asked Mr. Hosler if he had any comments on the topic. Mr. Hosler responded that there have not been many requests for a waiver of this ordinance. He reminded council that a variance or a change to an ordinance could affect others and so a good balance is necessary when making changes or variances to established ordinances. Councilmember Taylor suggested that the proposed change be written up so it can be discussed in greater detail. Mr. Redd stated that the request for a change should come through the Planning Commission. Councilmember Lyman said he would take the issue back to the Planning Commission.

7. **INFORMATION**

A. Lands Bill Meeting – Jeremy Redd

Mr. Redd shared that a San Juan County Lands Bill public meeting will be held on Wednesday night. The purpose of the meeting is to get input into what the public would like to see in the bill that is currently being drafted. Commissioner Phil Lyman is conducting the meeting.

B. Election Day – November 5th – City Office – Jeremy Redd

Mr. Redd reminded Council of the upcoming election to be held on November 5th.

8. **OPEN FORUM**

A. There were no comments from the public

9. **Councilmember Lyman moved to enter an executive session. Councilmember Ogle seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Lyman

Councilmember Johnson

Councilmember Ogle

Councilmember Taylor

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned to an executive session at 7:45 p.m.

Councilmember Ogle moved to leave an executive session. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Taylor
NONE**

Those voting NAY

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Councilmember Ogle moved to adjourn. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Taylor
NONE**

Those voting NAY

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

By: 

Kim Palmer, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
OCTOBER 8, 2013
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor: Toni Turk
City Councilmembers: David Johnson
Joe B Lyman
Robert Ogle
Kelly Laws
Charlie Taylor
City Administrator: Jeremy Redd
Finance Director: Kim Palmer
City Engineer: Terry Ekker
General Services Manager: Jeff Black
Community Development Director: Bret Hosler
Fire Chief: Craig Stanley
Police Chief: Lyle Bayles
Recreation Director: David Palmer

Others Attending: Terry Laws, Kendall Laws, Emily Laws, Cindy Bayles, Ed Johnstun, John Brake

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Jeremy Redd

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Laws moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the September 24, 2013 meeting with the grammar corrections on page one and two, Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

3. **OPEN FORUM**

A. There were no comments from the public.

4. **REPORTS/DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

A. Mr. Ekker presented the September 2013 Natural Gas and Water Reports. Mr. Ekker reported that the 1" service was installed at Ricky Arthur's new home.

Mr. Ekker told council 36.81 acre feet of water was pumped from the wells during September. More water came into the reservoirs than was dispersed over the month. Mr. Ekker shared that Pump A is slow at recharging so it kicks off. Wells B & C are pumping well.

Steve Jones, water engineer, will be visiting the City office tomorrow and would be willing to meet with anyone who may have concerns about the water.

B. Chief Bayles presented the September 2013 Police Report. No report was printed due to computer issues at the police station.

C. Mr. Stanley presented the September 2013 Fire Report. Mr. Stanley stated that November 15th is the last day to burn without a permit.

D. Mr. Redd presented the September 2013 Recreation Report. Registration for girls' basketball is currently taking place. The water is off in the parks and the pool has been drained and winterized.

5. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. Lands Bill Update – Kelly Pehrson

Jeremy Redd reported that Kelly Pehrson was unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Redd distributed the materials that Mr. Pehrson had wanted to discuss with the Council. He continued to tell Council that a public meeting has been scheduled for October 23 at 7:00 in the High School auditorium to discuss a public lands bill. Information regarding the meeting will be mailed to each resident.

Mr. Redd then shared that a proclamation had been written declaring a state of emergency in San Juan County due to the economic disruptions arising from the closing of local national parks. County officers will be patrolling and opening the parks. The City has offered their help when needed.

6. **ACTION ITEMS**

A. Personnel Policy Change – Retiree Health Insurance – Kim Palmer

Councilmember Taylor moved to approve the Personnel Policy Change – Retiree Health Insurance, Councilmember Ogle seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Taylor**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

B. Rules of Procedure – Jeremy Redd

Councilmember Lyman moved to approve the Rules of Meeting Procedure, Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Taylor**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

C. Award Bid – Electric System Master Plan – David Johnson

Councilmember Johnson shared that the Salient Power Engineering has a bid amount of \$60,730 but it was not the low bid. Bruno Engineering was the low bid on the project; however, they have no experience in the area of the proposed project.

Councilmember David moved to accept Salient Power Engineering's bid of \$60,730 and allow for the extra expenditures above the amount budgeted for the project, Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion.

Councilmember Lyman asked how the difference between the project's budgeted amount and the bid amount was going to be handled. Mr. Redd responded that the difference would be made up from the electrical account. Mr. Lyman asked if the budget would need to be opened to make that adjustment. Mr. Redd responded that because the funds in the electrical account are not tax dollars it will not be necessary to open the budget.

Following the discussion, Mayor Turk called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Taylor**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

D. Approve Programmatic Agreement – BLM – Recapture Canyon – Jeremy Redd

Mr. Redd told Council that the agreement for Recapture Canyon has already been signed by the County and the other parties. The city has been asked to be a concurring party to the County's signature. He continued to tell Council that Recapture Canyon will be opened to use and monitored to ensure there is no misuse or damage to the Canyon.

Councilmember Lyman moved to approve the Programmatic Agreement – BLM – Recapture Canyon. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion.

Councilmember Lyman stated that the majority of things that the public requested were included in the plan. One concern he sees is the trail that travels along the rim of the canyon. This trail was never closed but is now included in the plan. If the canyon is closed again, this trail will also be closed. Mr. Redd stated that if the public uses the trails responsibly there would be no reason to close it again.

Following the discussion Mayor Turk called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Taylor**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

7. **INFORMATION – None**

8. **OPEN FORUM**

A. John Brake approached Council with his concerns about the damage the extra minerals in the well water will cause. He asked if the City had researched ways to remove the minerals from the water. Mr. Redd responded that the cost to treat the well water would be approximately \$400,000 for each well. Mr. Brake then asked if it was possible to pump the well water into the reservoirs. Mr. Redd responded that was not possible. Mr. Brake asked if the City would be pumping the wells all winter. Mr. Ekker responded the amount of water that would be pumped would be dependent on the amount of water received through the winter.

9. **Councilmember Taylor moved to adjourn. Councilmember Ogle seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Taylor**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

By _____
Kim Palmer, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
SEPTEMBER 24, 2013
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor Pro-tempore: Kelly Laws
City Councilmembers: David Johnson
Joe B Lyman
Robert Ogle
City Administrator: Jeremy Redd
Finance Director: Kim Palmer
City Engineer: Terry Ekker
General Services Manager: Jeff Black
Community Development Director: Bret Hosler

Excused: Mayor Turk

Others Present: Taylor Harrison, Kay Johnson, Kendall Ekker, Levi Meyers, Daphne Meyers, Ed Johnstun, Bob Jorgenson, Dan Hurst

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Kim Palmer.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Lyman moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the September 10, 2013 meeting, Councilmember Ogle seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-tempore repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Taylor**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro-temp Laws declared the motion carried.

3. OPEN FORUM

A. Levi Meyers approached the Council regarding city ordinance Title 10 – Zoning Regulation. The ordinance will not allow him to build a shop larger than 50% of his current resident. He requested that Council review the ordinance. Bob Jorgenson he agrees with Mr. Meyers.

4. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. Personnel Policy Change – Retiree Health Insurance - Kim Palmer

Mrs. Palmer reminded of the discussion held at the last council meeting regarding the policy change to allow those employees who retire to carry the City's medical insurance, at their expense. She told Council that retirees can carry the insurance at a cost of 130%. Retirees will be treated the same as an employee when the premium is calculated for the City. The new Health Reform Act will have no affect on PEHP or their coverage.

B. Audit/Financial Reports – Jeremy Redd

Mr. Redd discussed the Audit/Financial Report that had been distributed to each Council member. He shared that there was an increase of 6% increase in sales tax. The City also received 3.5 million in grants, which were mostly associated with the mountain pipeline project. If the City was not receiving grants it would not be able to complete the projects financially. The grants are a necessary component in upgrading the systems. The natural gas company still owes the electrical company \$109,681.

Mr. Redd stated that the City stayed within budget and there were no compliance issues found during the audit.

C. Rules of Procedure – Jeremy Redd

Mr. Redd stated that all cities and towns are required to establish rules of procedure for their Council meetings. The rules must follow the Utah open meetings act. He asked Council to review the proposed Rules and Procedures document. Councilmember Lyman stated that he had looked at the document and found it similar to how Council meetings are currently being conducted.

D. UAMPS – Jeremy Redd

Kay Johnson told Council that UAMPS is a part owner in the San Juan Generating Station with eight other utilities, including three from California. M-S-R Public Power Agency and the City of Anaheim have approached UAMPS about acquiring their interest in the plant. The purchase would be 50 megawatts of power. The coal powered plant is projected to run at least until 2022. At that time the two entities will pay the costs of decommissioning the plant. Mayor Pro-tempore Laws asked what the downside would be to purchasing the plant. Mr. Redd stated that there has been a lot of downtime at the plant and if the plant is shut down for any reason UAMPS is still required to pay. Mr. Johnson commented that there is also the issue of regulatory agencies. Councilmember Lyman asked about the risk of the administration shutting it down. Mr. Johnson responded that if the approval is given to run the plant to 2017 and possibly to 2022 it would not be shut down before that. Councilmember Ogle asked what the saving would be in purchasing the 50 megawatts. Mr. Johnson responded that there would be a 20% savings based on the current market. There is also the chance that if the power is not purchased the other four plants could be shut down. Mr.

Mr. Johnson shared that 62% of the power used by the City is currently purchased on the open market. He also shared his appreciation for Mr. Redd and his efforts in purchasing power for the City.

5. **INFORMATION**

A. Senator Mike Lee's Staff Visit – Kim Palmer

Mrs. Palmer shared that staff members from Senator Mike Lee's office would be available in the Council room on Wednesday from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. Information about the visit has been posted on Face book and in the local papers. Residents are encouraged to come and make comments or share concerns.

6. **OPEN FORUM**

A. There were no comments from the public

7. **Councilmember Lyman moved to adjourn. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-tempore Laws repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Taylor**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro-tempore declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

By _____
Kim Palmer, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
SEPTEMBER 10, 2013
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor Pro-tempore: Kelly Laws
City Councilmembers: David Johnson
Joe B Lyman
Kelly Laws
Robert Ogle
Finance Director: Kim Palmer
Police Chief: Lyle Bayles
Recreation Director: David Palmer
Fire Chief: Craig Stanley

Absent: Mayor Toni Turk, Charlie Taylor and Jeremy Redd

Others Present: Kendall Laws, Lynne Shumway

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by David Johnson.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Lyman moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the August 27, 2013 meeting, Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-tempore repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Johnson**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro-tempore Laws declared the motion carried.

3. OPEN FORUM

A. There were no comments from the public.

4. REPORTS/DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

A. Mr. Black presented the August 2013 Natural Gas and Water Reports. 1.05 inches of rain was reported to have been received during Monday night into Tuesday.

B. Chief Bayles presented the August 2013 Police Report. Chief Bayles reported that the total number of cases for August was 140. This was the highest number ever recorded. He also reported that the number for citations, contacts and calls for service were up compared to last year. Councilmember Lyman asked if the increases were related to the return of college students to the area. Chief Bayles responded the college students had not arrived until the end of the month and so they were not the reason for the increase. He continued that the ages of those involved were not in one particular age group but rather over a range of ages.

C. Mr. Stanley presented the August 2013 Fire Report. Councilmember Lyman asked if information regarding preparing fireplaces, chimneys, furnaces and other heating devices could be included in the next City newsletter. Mr. Stanley responded he would get something prepared for the newsletter.

D. Mr. Palmer presented the August 2013 Recreation Report. Mr. Palmer shared that the pool will be closing on Saturday. Councilmember Johnson asked when the sprinklers would be winterized. Mr. Palmer responded that his crew will begin winterizing the parks and sprinklers the first of October. Councilmember Lyman requested the revenue information on the recreation report include the figures from the past four years.

5. **ACTION ITEMS**

A. ATV Safari Sponsorship – Joe B. Lyman

Councilmember Lyman stated that there was no need for a motion on the ATV Safari sponsorship. The money has already been approved for use for the ATV Safari through the TRT proposed activities. No action was taken.

Councilmember Ogle complimented Safari organizers for their efforts to raise money for the event rather than just relying on the City. He also asked what Monticello had contributed to this year's event. Lynne Shumway responded that she was not aware of what Monticello City had contributed to the event.

6. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. Personnel Policy Change – Retiree Health Insurance – Kim Palmer

Mrs. Palmer told council that a change is necessary to the personnel policy to enable those employees who retire prior to age 65 the option of staying on the City's insurance plan. The employee would pay the entire cost. PEHP requires that City policy states that a retired person can stay on the City's insurance. Mayor Pro-tempore Laws questioned how those individuals would affect the City's premium if they had a major medical issue. Mrs. Palmer responded that she was unsure. Councilmember Lyman asked how the Health Care Reform Act might affect someone from staying on the City's insurance plan. Council requested more information on insurance options for retirees.

B. American Fallen Warrior Memorial Foundation – Kim Palmer

Mrs. Palmer told Council the City had been approached by individuals from the American Fallen Warrior Memorial Foundation requesting an event be held to honor veterans and receive donations for their project. The group will be travelling with a stone memorial made from one of the twin towers. The memorial is being

delivered and placed in Salt Lake Valley. Mayor Turk and Mr. Redd did not feel an event was possible and have offered their help in locating a place for the truck hauling the memorial to park for the night.

7. **INFORMATION**

A. Electrical Master Plan RFP Update – Jeff Black

Mr. Black told council that the RFP has been released for the Electrical Master Plan. The due date is September 26th. It is hoped the bid can be awarded at the October 8th council meeting.

8. **OPEN FORUM**

A. There were no comments from the public

9. **Councilmember Johnson moved to adjourn. Councilmember Ogle seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-tempore Laws repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Ogle**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro-tempore Laws declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

By



Kim Palmer, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
AUGUST 27, 2013
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor: Toni Turk
City Councilmembers: David Johnson
Joe B Lyman
Robert Ogle
Kelly Laws
Charlie Taylor
City Administrator: Jeremy Redd
Finance Director: Kim Palmer
Community Development Director: Bret Hosler
City Engineer: Terry Ekker
General Services Director: Jeff Black

Others Present: Kendall Laws, Emily Laws, BJ Grover, Shawn Ivins, Taylor Harrison, Peter Smith, Sharon Smith, Lynne Shumway

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Joe B. Lyman

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Lyman moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the August 13, 2013 meeting, Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Taylor**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

3. **OPEN FORUM**

A. Lynne Shumway, on behalf of the San Juan ATV Safari, thanked the Council for their support in past years. The 2013 ATV Safari is scheduled for September 12th -14th. There are currently 100 riders enrolled for the event, mostly due to the expanded advertising that has occurred. Councilmember Ogle asked what Monticello has contributed to the Safari. Mrs. Shumway answered that she was not sure what that amount

was, however, \$3000 had been raised by the community of Blanding. Councilmember Lyman will bring the request back as an action item at the next council meeting.

4. **REPORTS/DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

A. Project Status Report – Terry Ekker

12" Mountain Line Replacement – The contractor has started on the diversion structure. The Forest Service has not cleared the area impacting the Goshawk for construction. They are will be monitoring the situation on a weekly basis.

Blanding 2013 Waterline Projects – Design is at 70%. Schedule is for construction in 2014 Season.

Power Master Plan -Looking to start this Fall. The RFP is nearly complete and should be finalized this week. If things go as planned the bid award could take place on October 8th.

2013 Sewer Line Replacement Project – The project is essentially complete. The manhole lids need to be raised to grade and the concrete collars need to be poured.

2013 Pavement Preservation Project - The majority of the work has been completed with a few other streets to be done near the end of August.

Councilmember Johnson asked Mr. Ekker if the cut across 300 West near the Mike Bowers home was going to be repaired. Mr. Ekker responded that he will contact the contractor and get that repaired.

5. **ACTION ITEMS**

A. Resolution 08-27-2013-01 Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan for the Southeastern Region of Utah – Jeremy Redd

Councilmember Johnson moved to approve Resolution 08-27-2013-01 Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan for the Southeastern Region of Utah. Councilmember Ogle seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Taylor**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

6. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. Juvenile Justice Presentation and Request – Jeremy Redd

Peter Smith, Manager at the Youth Detention/Receiving Center shared with Council aspects of Utah Senate

Bill 218. The bill encourages Youth Receiving Centers to seek additional funding from other sources including local governments. Mayor Turk asked how much additional funding was needed. Mr. Smith answered that the need is \$56,000 or whatever the City could contribute. The Mayor reminded everyone that the budget process takes place in the Spring and that is when individuals can make their requests for funding. He then asked what the County's response was to the request. Mr. Smith responded that the County will be writing a letter to State Representatives asking for the State to look closer at the funding issue. Councilmember Laws asked how much the tribe was contributing to the center and its programs. Mr. Smith responded none. It is estimated that 90% of those coming to the facility are from Blanding/San Juan High School. The facility currently employs 30 full-time and 5 part-time positions. All but one of those positions is filled by Blanding residents. Council agreed to draft a letter of support for the Youth Detention/Receiving Center and their programs.

B. Division of Drinking Water Proposed Fees – Jeremy Redd

Mr. Redd reported that he, Danny Fleming and Terry Ekker attended a meeting with Ken Bousfield from the Division of Drinking Water to discuss the fee schedule being proposed by the State. Mr. Redd recommended the City oppose the fees. It appears that due to budget cuts the Division is trying make up those lost funds by assessing fees on local governments. Mr. Redd shared a letter he has drafted opposing the proposed fee schedule. Council gave advise and consent for Jeremy to send the letter.

C. Blanding Area Travel Council Bylaws – Jeremy Redd

Mr. Redd told Council that the Blanding Area Travel Council is in the process of drafting board bylaws to help them function in a more efficient manner. They requested Council review the draft copy of the bylaws. They would like to function like any other City board. Councilmember Ogle asked why they make a reference to a Chamber of Commerce when one does not exist. Mr. Redd responded that they would like to act as a Chamber of Commerce until the time one is functioning. Council gave advise and consent to move forward with the bylaws.

D. Tesla Motors Parking Locations – Mayor Turk

Mayor Turk, Terry Ekker and Jeff Black met with the Tesla personnel to discuss their request. They are seeking permission to put a Tesla supercharger station at the Visitor Center. Individuals who purchase a Tesla can refuel/recharge for free for a lifetime at a Tesla charging station. There would be no cost to the City. Tesla will be billed for the electricity used to charge the vehicles. Councilmember Taylor asked what happens if another vendor approaches the City with the same request. Mr. Redd responded that there is no contract or clause that would inhibit that from occurring. Tesla would like to have their charging station installed by the end of October. Council gave advise and consent to allow Tesla to move forward with their charging station at the Visitor Center.

7. **INFORMATION**

A. Councilmember Laws asked when the road would be repaired near the construction of the new credit union. Jeff Black responded that he has asked contractors the same question and has not received any answer. The contractor will be contacted and told that the repair must be completed by mid-October.

B. Mr. Black told Council that the City is considering using LED lights on the light poles. There is currently a LED light in the parking lot behind the City office and on the corner of 100 West and 500 North.

8. **Councilmember Lyman moved to adjourn. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Taylor**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

By  _____
Kim Palmer, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
AUGUST 13, 2013
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor: Toni Turk
City Councilmembers: David Johnson
Joe B Lyman
Robert Ogle
Kelly Laws
City Administrator: Jeremy Redd
Finance Director: Kim Palmer
City Engineer: Terry Ekker
General Services Manager: Jeff Black
Community Development Director: Bret Hosler
Police Chief: Lyle Bayles
Fire Chief: Craig Stanley
Recreation Director: David Palmer

Others Present: Zoe Palmer, Milt Pipkin

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Kelly Laws

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Lyman moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the July 23, 2013 meeting with the proposed changes. Councilmember Laws seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Changes to the minutes: Action Item A: Minor Variances the motion was withdrawn. Action Item B: Nuisance Ordinance. Remove first sentence of discussion.

3. **OPEN FORUM**

A. There were no comments from the public.

4. **REPORTS/DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

A. Terry Ekker presented the July 2013 Natural Gas. There were no new services installed.

B. Terry Ekker presented the July 2013 Water Report. 4.55 acre feet were pumped from Well B and 6.11 acre feet was pumped from Well A. The cost to repair Well A that was damaged as a result of a lightning strike was \$7000. Mr. Ekker also reported that he and Mr. Redd met with the Forest Service at Camp Jackson and received permission to clear the trail next to the pipeline. This will enable repairs to be made to the pipeline.

Mayor Turk asked if there has been any issue with the Goshawk that has been nesting near the pipeline project. Mr. Ekker responded that he has not heard if the bird had moved on yet. Mr. Redd commented that the birds have not slowed the project.

Mr. Redd shared with council that water usage was down 18.1% May – July compared to last year. And down a total of 19.97% just in the month of July. He commended David Palmer and the Parks and Recreation crew for working to make sure the City is not wasting any water.

C. Police Chief Lyle Bayles gave the July 2013 Police Report. Councilmember Ogle asked if the officer who was assaulted was alright. Chief Bayles responded that he was fine. Council gave advice and consent to hire Colby Turk as a part-time officer.

D. Mr. Redd gave the July 2013 Fire Report. Redd shared that Fire Chief Craig Stanley had contacted him and stated he may not make the meeting due to another commitment. However, the Council packet contained his report.

E. Mr. Palmer presented the July 2013 Recreation Report. Mr. Palmer reported that memberships are up by one membership, indicating that they are maintaining. The football draft will take place this week. Councilmember Ogle complimented Mr. Palmer on the work his crew is doing with the parks.

5. **ACTION ITEMS**

A. Nuisance Ordinance – Joe Lyman

Councilmember Lyman moved to approve the Nuisance Ordinance, Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion.

Discussion: Councilmember Laws questioned the use of the word "claim" in section 4-2-7: Abatement Procedure. He stated it is his feeling that there should be a proximity limit on the claim. Councilmember Lyman stated that if an individual can prove they are affected by the nuisance there would be no need for a proximity limit.

Following the discussion Mayor Turk asked for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Ogle**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

B. Minor Variance Ordinance – Joe Lyman

Councilmember Lyman moved to approve the Minor Variance Ordinance, Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion.

Discussion: Councilmember Lyman stated that the change to the ordinance would be good for property owners. Mr. Redd stated that the change would help some of the vacant lots become used.

Following the discussion Mayor Turk called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Ogle**

Those voting NAY

Councilmember Laws

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Following the vote Bret Hosler asked for clarification on who would be responsible for issuing variances. Council responded that on an individual basis it would be the responsibility of City staff to work through those issues. For minor subdivisions it would be the Planning Commission and for major subdivisions it would be the City Council.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Tanker Trucks Parked on City Streets – Jeremy Redd

Council discussed the parking of tanker trucks on streets. Mr. Redd asked how the Council would like to enforce the law. Councilmember Laws responded that is not the responsibility of the Council to enforce a law that is already in place, it is the responsibility of the judicial department to enforce it.

B. Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan – Jeremy Redd

Mr. Redd pointed out to council that information regarding the White Mesa Mill that was in the first plan document has been removed. Councilmember Lyman voiced his concerns over several parts of the plan. He also has concern over signing a plan when it is unclear what is really in the plan. Changes to the plan need include the addition of Blue Mountain Hospital and all figures updated to 2013 numbers.

C. San Juan County Land Use Bill – Mayor Turk

Mayor Turk told Council that he and Mr. Redd had been invited to attend a meeting last Friday with Congressman Bishop, Congressman Chaffetz, San Juan County Commissioner and other involved in the proposed bill. He told Council that he had drafted a document that stated there was no benefit to Blanding from the proposed plan that he had seen prior to the meeting. Due to time constraints the meeting was never held, however a copy of his letter was distributed to those individuals he was supposed to meet with. He believes that the City must make certain that as the situation moves forward the City is at the table and

has its interest heard and recognized. He also shared that the maps he has seen show 20% of San Juan County could be affected by this plan.

7. **INFORMATION**

A. Mayor Turk announced that Blanding has been awarded the 2014 Pecos Conference. The conference will bring approximately 200 -1000 archeologists to the area.

B. Councilmember Johnson reported that he has heard the county is working on doubling the size of their jail.

8. **OPEN FORUM**

A. There were no comments from the public.

9. **Councilmember Lyman moved to enter into an executive session. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Council entered an Executive Session at 8:06 pm

Council returned to Open Session at 9:05 pm

Councilmember Johnson moved to adjourn. Councilmember Ogle seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

By _____
Kim Palmer, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
JULY 23, 2013
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor: Toni Turk

City Councilmembers: David Johnson
Joe B Lyman
Robert Ogle
Kelly Laws
Charlie Taylor

City Administrator: Jeremy Redd

Finance Director: Kim Palmer

General Services Manager: Jeff Black

Community Development Director: Bret Hosler

Police Chief: Lyle Bayles

Others Present: Taylor Harrison, Amy Peters, Kay Shumway

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Mayor Turk

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Lyman moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the June 25, 2013 meeting with the following changes to Minor Variances. (1) Reword the second to state that the planning commission is the land use authority for minor subdivisions. (2) Remove the following sentence "Councilmember Lyman stated that the change would allow the planning commission to make decisions that normally are coming to Council." Councilmember Ogle seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Taylor**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

3. **OPEN FORUM**

A. Kay Shumway presented the City with a photograph he had taken at the Fourth of July fireworks.

4. **REPORTS/DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

A. Jeff Black presented the June 2013 Natural Gas Report. One service was added during June. The increase in the number of services during the fiscal year is a result the Grayson Apartment addition.

B. Jeff Black presented the June 2013 Water Report. Councilmember Laws commented that it appears the reservoir has risen more this week than it did in the Spring. Mr. Redd shared that the deep water wells are being pumped. The pump at Well A has been hit by lightening. Well C has not been pumped yet. It is taking longer than anticipated to get the approval to start pumping due mostly to the fact that they have been sitting so long.

C. Chief Lyle Bayles presented the June 2013 Police Report. Chief Bayles told council that the report is for a two month period.

D. Fire Chief Craig Stanley presented the June 2013 Fire Report. Mr. Stanley told council that testing for the Firefighter 1 & 2 certification will take place during the week. This will give the City 10 more fire fighters for a total of 16. A \$15,000 grant was submitted and \$14,300 was received. The grant will provide equipment to outfit the new fire truck.

E. David Palmer presented the June 2013 Recreation Report. Mr. Palmer reported that the Baseball and Softball leagues have completed. Soccer and Football registration is occurring now. Councilmember Ogle asked about the reduction in revenues. Mr. Palmer responded that the difference in revenue is due to the decrease in one time visitors. It is also a result of the "honey moon season" ending. He anticipates that revenues will start leveling out.

F. Jeff Black presented the Project Status Report.

Blanding 2012 Waterline Project

Project is 99.9% complete. Finishing up on the closeout documents and final pay estimate.

12" Mountain Line Replacement

Most of the pipe work has been completed. The contractor has been working on cleanup and air/vacuum valves. It is anticipated that work on the new diversion structure will begin next week.

Blanding 2013 Waterline Projects - Scheduled for 2013.

Power Master Plan – Planning to start Fall.

2013 Sewer Line Replacement Project

The main line replacement will be completed this week. There will be several weeks of lateral replacement, asphalt repair and cleanup work following that.

2013 Pavement Preservation Project

The majority of the work has been completed with a few other streets to be done near the end of August.

5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Councilmember Lyman moved to enter a public hearing to discuss the Minor Variance Ordinance and the Nuisance Ordinance. Councilmember Ogle seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Taylor**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

There were no public comments on the Minor Variance Ordinance.

There were no public comments on the Nuisance Ordinance.

Councilmember Taylor moved to leave a public hearing. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Taylor**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

6. **ACTION ITEMS**

A. Minor Variances – Joe Lyman

Councilmember Lyman moved to approve the Minor Variance Ordinance, Councilmember Ogle seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion.

Discussion: Councilmember Lyman stated that he would like the variance to be for one or two variances. However the group that designed the changes did not like that idea. But if Council would like to see that change he would agree. Mr. Redd recommends the one or two variance proposal. But he has a concern over item A which reads; "The development cannot reasonably proceed without the variance. Who will decide what is reasonable. Councilmember Laws has concerns of the entire document and feels the

wording leaves the door open for issues. He is particularly concerned with the use of the word "may", stating it leaves things subjective. The proposed changes make the ordinance ambiguous and not cut and dry. He continued by asking what the need was to make changes to an ordinance that has been in place since 1994. Mr. Redd responded that changing the policy would allow more of the empty lots in town to be used for construction. Most of those lots are an eyesore that is covered in weeds. If we could allow for a variance homes could be built upon and increase the tax base for the City.

Those voting AYE

NONE

Those voting NAY

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Ogle**

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion failed.

The motion fails as the ordinance is written.

B. Nuisance Ordinance – Joe Lyman

Councilmember Lyman moved to approve the Nuisance Ordinance, Councilmember Ogle seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion.

Discussion: Councilmember Laws questioned the requirement of a second complaint. He felt there was a need for an established boundary to the nuisance. This would make the second complaint more reliable and logical. The second person should be another neighbor or someone in close proximity to the nuisance. He suggested setting the distance from the nuisance to be within a 1000 feet.

Those voting AYE

NONE

Those voting NAY

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Ogle**

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion failed.

C. Planning Commission Appointment – Mayor Turk

Mayor proposes Nicole Perkins be appointed to the Planning Commission. Advice and consent was given by the Council.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. AOG Disaster Mitigation Plan – Amy Peters

Amy Peters from the AOG approached the Council with a request that they accept the Disaster Mitigation

written for the area and make a resolution. The plan has been approved by the State and FEMA but is contingent upon the Council's approval of it. Upon approval by the City the plan would go back to the STATE and FEMA for a letter of approval.

The plan covers fire, flood, earthquake, drought, severe weather, infestation and hazard materials (if listed). Mr. Hosler shared that the plan would allow for the potential of seeking and receiving consideration for federal grants if it was in place and accepted.

Councilmember Laws voiced his concern over the wording in the document surrounding radioactive materials. This could cause problems for the White Mesa Mill. Mayor Turk questioned if those writing the document were writing in an effort to close the Mill. Councilmember Lyman stated that the document as a whole would need to be reviewed and discussed further. Ms. Peters stated that the wording of the document can be changed until the time it is approved.

Councilmember Laws asked who was involved in writing the document. Ms. Peters responded that the document had been written by individuals from the community and the area. Mr. Hosler commented that he is on the committee. Ms. Peters will check her paperwork to see who from the area was on the committee.

Councilmember Lyman stated that motivation for the plan was the ability to receive federal dollars. Ms. Peters stated that the plan was a result of the flooding occurring in the Midwest and the amount of federal aid going to that area. The mitigation plans are a result of those incidents. Without a plan you cannot seek federal aid dollars. Councilmember suggested that the document be reviewed and come back to council as a discussion item.

8. **INFORMATION**

A. Mr. Redd asked if any Councilmember was interested in attending the Utah League of Cities and Towns in September. He reminded them that the funding was available for them to attend if any were interested.

9. **OPEN FORUM**

A. There were no comments from the public

10. **Councilmember Taylor moved to adjourn. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

By _____
Kim Palmer, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
JUNE 25, 2013
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor: Toni Turk
City Councilmembers: David Johnson
Joe B Lyman
Robert Ogle
Kelly Laws
Charlie Taylor
City Administrator: Jeremy Redd
Finance Director: Kim Palmer
City Engineer: Terry Ekker
General Services Manager: Jeff Black
Community Development Director: Bret Hosler
Police Chief: Lyle Bayles

Others Present: Terri Laws, Taylor Harrison, Emily Rickords

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Charlie Taylor.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Lyman moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the June 11, 2013 meeting, Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Taylor**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

3. **OPEN FORUM**
 - A. There were no comments from the public.

4. **ACTION ITEMS**

A. Resolution 6-25-2013-01 Adopting the FY 2013/2014 Budget – Jeremy Redd

Councilmember Lyman moved to approve Resolution 6-25-2013-01 Adopting the FY 2013/2014 Budget, Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Taylor**

Those voting NAY

Councilmember Ogle

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

B. Resolution 6-25-2013-02 Opening and Adjusting the FY 2012-2013 Budget – Kim Palmer

Mr. Redd told Council that the amount the City can save has been increased from 18% to 25%. Any amount over that percentage has been moved to Capital Projects.

Mrs. Palmer told Council that \$15,000 in grant expenses had been budgeted to the Police department that was not used because grant dollars were not received. Opening the budget would allow the \$15,000 to be moved to the Visitor Center, where TRT expenses were currently being charged. Mr. Redd reminded Council that the TRT expenses were not anticipated when the budget for 2012-2013 was completed. He also reminded them that the City has received the TRT dollars from the County.

Councilmember Johnson moved to approve Resolution 6-25-2013-02 Opening and Adjusting the 2012/2013 Budget, Councilmember Ogle seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Ogle**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

C. Certified Tax Rate – Jeremy Redd

Mr. Redd told Council that last year's rate of .2475 netted \$198,908 in property tax.

Councilmember Laws moved to stay neutral leaving the tax rate at .2475. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Lyman

Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Ogle

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Minor Variances – Joe Lyman

Councilmember Lyman shared with Council suggested changes to the Minor Variance Ordinance. One of the proposed changes suggests that the land use authority may grant a variance of up to 10% on any one requirement. Councilmember Lyman reminded council that the Planning Commission is the land use authority for the community. Councilmember Laws stated that he did not agree with the proposed ordinance changes. Any variance to the ordinance should come through the Board of Adjustments not a committee of volunteers. The board of adjustments has the final say unless a court of law says otherwise.

Councilmember Lyman stated that the change would allow the planning commission to make decisions that normally are coming to the Council. Mr. Redd commented that his concern would be the potential for a lawsuit for the City that could be the result of actions of a volunteer committee. Councilmember Lyman stated he will make some minor changes and bring it back to Council for a vote.

B. Open and Public Meetings Act – Jeremy Redd

Mr. Redd told Council that once a year they are supposed to receive training on the Open and Public Meeting Act. He then covered the material regarding public meetings. He shared that it is not required to record any closed meeting where there is any discussion about a person's character, health, or competency. Midterm vacancies will now have to be discussed and held in open meetings.

C. Nuisance Ordinance – Joe Lyman

Councilmember Lyman shared with Council the changes to the City's Nuisance Ordinance. The ordinance has been condensed and made more concise. Mr. Redd shared that the new ordinance still allows the City to be a part of the process. It is enforceable and less vague than the previous ordinance. The Council agreed it was ready for public hearing.

6. INFORMATION

A. Councilmember Laws introduced his future daughter in law to the Council.

B. Mayor Turk told council that he had received an invitation from the BLM to attend an open house being held at the South Chapel. He stated that it might be a good time to discuss bringing back items that have been taken from our community with the BLM.

C. Councilmember Laws discussed a letter that had been drafted by Mr. Redd and sent to Ben Huntsman

who is the State fire liaison between the County and the Forest Service. The letter discusses the water that has been removed from the reservoirs to fight fires over the past two years. The water has not been paid for. Councilmember Laws commended Mr. Redd for the letter and his efforts in resolving the matter.

7. **OPEN FORUM**

A. There were no comments from the public

8. **Councilmember Taylor moved to adjourn. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Taylor**

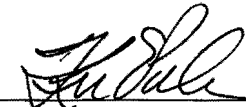
Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

By



Kim Palmer, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
JUNE 11, 2013
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor: Toni Turk
City Councilmembers: David Johnson
Joe B Lyman
Robert Ogle
City Administrator: Jeremy Redd
Finance Director: Kim Palmer
City Engineer: Terry Ekker
General Services Manager: Jeff Black
Community Development Director: Bret Hosler
Fire Chief: Craig Stanley
Recreation Director: David Palmer

Absent: Councilmember Laws and Councilmember Taylor

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Robert Ogle.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Lyman moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the May 14, 2013 meeting, Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Johnson**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

3. **OPEN FORUM**

A. There were no comments from the public.

4. **REPORTS/DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

A. Mr. Ekker presented the May 2013 Natural Gas and Water Reports. Mr. Ekker shared that the amount of water available in Recapture is zero. The Mill currently has 24 acre feet of water left.

B. No police report was given

C. Mr. Stanley presented the May 2013 Fire Report. Mr. Stanley told council there has been 1714 hours of volunteer time by volunteer fire fighters during the last six months.

D. Mr. Palmer presented the May 2013 Recreation Report. Mr. Palmer told council that the water to Centennial Park was off for two weeks as the crew was working on repairing broken sprinkler lines and heads. The crew is working to ensure everything is working properly and that the parks are not getting more water than is necessary. Councilmember Johnson asked if the grass will be ready to handle the traffic for the 4th of July activities. Mr. Palmer replied they are doing their best to have them in shape to handle the extra traffic.

5. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. Nuisance Ordinance – Joe Lyman

The current State nuisance ordinance was shared with the Council. Councilmember Lyman suggested the ordinance match what is currently occurring. He will work on an ordinance and bring it to council for discussion.

B. Electrical Line Extension – Jeremy Redd

Mr. Redd shared that the City of Blanding will pay up to \$2500.00 for electrical line extensions, per City policy. There have been situations where the cost to run or upgrade lines has well exceeded the \$2500.00 leaving the property owner the balance of the bill. The current situation involves the USU project homes. The next home location is in an area where the line to carry power to the home is not adequate. Mr. Redd wants Council to be aware of the situation in case they are approached about it. He also wanted to make sure the Council still approved of the current policy. Councilmember Lyman commented that the situation also occurs with the water and sewer utilities. Councilmember Johnson stated that the infrastructure should have been in place when the lots were developed and then each home would have paid their share of the upgrade.

C. 7-1-3 Obstructions in the Street – Jeremy Redd

Mr. Redd told Council that a City ordinance is in place to cover the issue of sand, gravel and other obstructions in the streets and on sidewalks. Law enforcement needs to be made aware of the ordinance. He continued that as a result of the 20 letters there were sent regarding abandoned vehicles only 4 or 5 have been moved. Councilmember Lyman suggested having law enforcement deliver the letters rather than mailing them. City staff needs to make sure contractors are aware of the ordinance. Mr. Hosler asked how far the City wants to go in enforcing the ordinance. Councilmember Lyman suggested making it a requirement that all construction materials be cleaned up before a certificate of occupancy is issued. Councilmember Johnson suggested adding to the ordinance a statement that if the contractor does not clean up their materials the City will clean them up and then bill the responsible contractor for the cost.

D. Billboard/Signage Agreement –Jeremy Redd

Mr. Redd reported that he and Garth Wilson have drafted an agreement that gives USU the use of the billboard on the south end of town for the next five years. Councilmember Ogle asked if there was compensation coming from USU for the usage. He would like to see that. Councilmember Johnson responded that USU is repairing, maintaining and improving the sign. He doesn't feel there really needs to be any compensation for the usage by USU. Mr. Redd pointed out that the use of the main street poles is included in the agreement as was discussed by Council.

E. EDA Strategy Grant Application –Jeremy Redd

Councilmember Lyman talked about his skepticism prior to his visit with Mark Kubricky, from Better City and their discussion surrounding the EDA grant. The goal of the grant is to facilitate economic development in the area. Funds from the grant will be used to bring qualified individuals into the area to assist community businesses in reaching their business goals. Mr. Redd stated that Blanding City would be the last match needed to complete the grant application. The match amount of \$5000 would come from TRT dollars. Mr. Redd recommended the City participate in the grant application and match. Councilmember Johnson asked if the \$5000 would be an ongoing cost or if it is a onetime match. Mr. Redd responded that the match is only required once. Advice and consent was given to approve the City's participation and match for the EDA grant application.

6. **PUBLIC HEARING**

A. FY 2013/2014 Budget – Jeremy Redd

Councilmember Lyman moved to enter a public hearing for the FY 2013/2014 Budget. Councilmember Ogle seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Johnson**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Mayor Turk asked if there were any comments regarding the FY 2013/2014 Budget. There were none.

Councilmember Lyman moved to leave the public hearing and return to the regular session, Councilmember Ogle seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Johnson**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

7. **ACTION ITEMS**

A. Approve 2013/2014 Fiscal Year Budget – Jeremy Redd

Councilmember Lyman moved to approve FY 2013/2014 Budget, Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion.

Councilmember Lyman stated that the budget fits in line with prior budgets. Councilmember Ogle stated the "fat" needs to be trimmed and less money needs to be spent. Areas he sees needing to be trimmed or he is opposed to include discretionary dollars, beer funds, fireworks and the Wellness Center savings. He also can not approve the additional 2% increase for employees. He does not understand why fireworks are needed during the Tree For All held in December. Councilmember Johnson responded he does not have any issues with those items. In a small community if the "fat" is trimmed it could make it a horrible place to live. Small communities don't have the major businesses that step in and help support the community. The City can help provide recreation, help the Dinosaur Museum, the Special Olympics and other activities. The City helps provide a higher quality life for Blanding residents by providing some of these things. Mayor Turk stated that setting aside funds to cover unexpected costs is helpful in managing the City. He continued that each summer an audit is held and most of the time management is questioned why more money is not spent.

The motion and the second to the motion to approve the FY 2013/2014 Budget were rescinded.

B. Approve Billboard/Signage Agreement – USU – Jeremy Redd

Councilmember Johnson moved to approve the Billboard/Signage Agreement with USU, Councilmember Ogle seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Johnson**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

8. **INFORMATION – None**

A. Election Update – Jeremy Redd

Mr. Redd shared with Council the individuals that are registered to run for the two council seats and the

mayor seat in the November election. Those running for mayor are Toni Turk and Calvin Balch. For the two council seats running are Charlie Taylor, Robert Ogle, Keele Johnson and Taylor Harrison.

Mayor Turk read a document he had prepared regarding information about his years in office;

Mayor Toni Turk's Election Withdrawal June 11, 2013

My service as Mayor through the past ten budgets (2004-2013) has been a labor of love, and I feel extremely blessed to have been an active participant in the vibrant growth that Blanding has enjoyed.

Blanding City's Major Achievements (2004-2013):

- Communications – Cell Tower; Fiber Optics
- Education (USU Blanding) – Administration Building, Adult Learning Center, Dorms, Health Science Building, Library, Maintenance Building, Student Center
- Fire – Fire Truck Purchase, Station Expansion
- Health – Blue Mountain Hospital
- Housing – Crown Homes, Grayson Apartments, Self-Help Homes
- Police – Peace Keeping Balanced with Law Enforcement
- Recreation – Park Improvements (Centennial, Central, Pioneer, Skate, Walter C. Lyman); Recreational-Use Annexation of Public Land; Wellness Center
- Tourism – Centennial Celebration (2005), Local Expenditure of TRT Funds, Main Street Beautification
- Transportation – Airport Improvements (\$1.7M); Road Improvements (\$5.3M)
- Veterans Memorial – Physical Building and Online Memorial
- Water – Blue Mountain Tunnel Restoration, Deep Wells, In-Town Waterline Upgrades, Mountain Pipeline Replacement, New Water Treatment Plant, Storm Water

Blanding City Fiscal Status (2004-2013):

- Reduced Overall Debt
- Significantly Increased Savings – for future major infrastructure projects
- Reduced Property Tax Rate nine out of ten budgets

Blanding Mayor Initiatives

- Appointments – City Administrator, City Judge, Fire Chief, Police Chief
- Fire – Fire Truck Purchase (\$325K)
- Police – Peace Keeping Balanced with Law Enforcement
- Water – Mountain Pipeline Replacement (\$2M)
- Veterans Memorial – Physical Building and Online Memorial (\$35K plus 1000 hours of effort)

Mayor's Issues:

- Celebration of the City's Incorporation Centennial in 2016
- Continued advocacy for the return of San Juan County Anasazi artifact collections to Blanding
- Continued advocacy for USU - Blanding
- Continued efforts to honor our military and law enforcement veterans and those currently serving
- Continued equal enforcement of the law without preference or prejudice
- Continued progressive infrastructure & economic development
- Continued zero tolerance for illegal drugs and alcohol offenses

After inquiry with others and discussion with Mayor Balch, I am confident that he will maintain the momentum of the past ten years and that he supports the same issues that remain important to me; hence, I have determined not to stand for re-election. I am honored and appreciative of the opportunity that the citizens of Blanding extended to me to serve as its Mayor for the past ten years. Thanks!!!

9. OPEN FORUM

A. There were no comments from the public

10. **Councilmember Johnson moved to adjourn. Councilmember Ogle seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Lyman

Councilmember Johnson

Councilmember Ogle

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

By



Kim Palmer, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
MAY 14, 2013
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor: Toni Turk
City Councilmembers: David Johnson
Joe B Lyman
Kelly Laws
Robert Ogle
Charlie Taylor
City Administrator: Jeremy Redd
Finance Director: Kim Palmer
Police Chief: Lyle Bayles
Community Development Director: Bret Hosler
Fire Chief: Craig Stanley
Recreation Director: David Palmer

Others Present: Terri Laws, Jeff Black, Terry Ekker, Sherry Ray, Jeremy Lyman, Garth Wilson, Tom Palmer

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Jeremy Redd.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Lyman moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the April 23, 2013 meeting, with the following change; prayer/thought was offered by Jeremy Redd Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Taylor**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

3. **OPEN FORUM**

A. Tom Palmer expressed concern regarding a change from a 2" to the 3" conduit requirement for residential services. The requirement is a Rocky Mountain policy not a code issue. The change will have an effect on local electricians ability to make money, specifically on those homes that are currently being built.

4. **REPORTS/DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

A. Mr. Ekker presented the April 2013 Natural Gas and Water Reports. Councilmember Johnson asked about the new line going in along the mountain road. Mr. Ekker responded that is a new gas line going to the Steve Olson home.

In regards to the water report, Mr. Ekker shared that the reservoirs are low. The Mill has used almost all of their water and will be out soon. Engineers have been in and tested the City water wells. They are in working condition. Mr. Redd told council that the engineers have estimated the cost of pumping the wells is \$120 per acre foot, for a total of \$50,704 for a total of 400 acre feet of water. To offset the cost of pumping the wells Mr. Redd is proposing a \$2.00 rate increase to the water base rate beginning in July. He recommended pumping the wells. The water will be pumped into the system, not into the reservoirs. The wells need to be integrated into the city's water management plan. Mayor Turk asked if the wells would atrophy if they were not used. Mr. Redd responded that they would. Councilmember Johnson asked how far down the wells are cased. Mr. Ekker responded that that are cased just above the Navajo water source. Councilmember Laws stated that the wear on the pumps has not been taken into account in the figures presented, however he felt this was a good year to run the pumps. He then asked where the protection to replace the pumps was built into the costs. He suggested the rates be increased by \$3 rather than the \$2 proposed. The \$1 difference could be set aside to replace pumps when needed. The cost of the pumps is \$20,000, plus the labor. Councilmember Laws asked where the City is compared to the state affordable water rate. The response was that the City is currently far below the rate.

Mr. Redd asked for direction from council in moving forward. Council told Mr. Redd to continue moving forward with pumping the wells into the system and the rate increase.

B. Chief Bayles presented the April 2013 Police Report. He told council that the report covers the past few months. There were no questions.

C. Mr. Stanley presented the April 2013 Fire Report. He told council that seven firefighters had attended the wildfire training provided by the county. Eleven firefighters are completing the firefighter I and II training.

D. Mr. Palmer presented the October 2012 Recreation Report. He told council that his crew has been busy getting the parks in shape and in getting the summer sports up and running. Councilmember Ogle asked what the daily water usage was at the pool. Mr. Palmer responded that he was not sure on that. He stated that everything is done to reduce the amount of water wasted. The slide does not lose water and on windy days the mushroom sprinklers are not used. Mr. Black commented that the water is metered.

5. **PUBLIC HEARING**

A. CDBG Grant

Councilmember Lyman moved to enter a public hearing for the CDBG Grant. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Taylor**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Mayor Turk opened the second public hearing for the CDBG program. Mayor Turk stated that this hearing is being called to allow all citizens to provide input concerning the project which was awarded under the 2013 Community Development Block Grant Program. The city has amended its capital investment plan and decided to apply for funds on behalf of the Jelly Sewer Project located on 200 S and 200 E.. The Mayor introduced Jeremy Redd - from the Jelly Sewer Project. The Mayor explained that the application was successful in the regional rating and ranking process for the Jelly Sewer Project at 200 S and 200 E Sewer Project for \$60,000. The Mayor explained the project to those in attendance. The Mayor then asked for any comments, questions and concerns from the audience. The Mayor stated that copies of the capital investment plan are available if anyone would like a copy.

There were no comments and the hearing was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Councilmember Lyman moved to leave the public hearing for the CDBG Grant. Councilmember Ogle seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Taylor**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

6. ACTION ITEMS

A. City of Blanding General Plan – Joe Lyman

Councilmember Lyman moved to approve the City of Blanding General Plan. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws**

Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Taylor

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

B. Dinosaur Museum Donation – Joe Lyman

Councilmember Laws moved to approve a one-time donation of \$500 to the Dinosaur Museum for improvements. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion.

Councilmember Johnson asked where Council should draw the line on donations. Councilmember Laws questioned if it was the City's role to provide financial assistance to these organizations. Mayor Turk spoke about his visit to the museum and how impressed he was with what he saw. Councilmember Ogle voiced his opposition to the donation and then stated that the museum needs to learn how to raise funds and advertise.

After the discussion Mayor Turk called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Johnson

Those voting NAY

Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Taylor

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion defeated.

C. High Density Mineral Bond Seal Coat Bid Award – Terry Ekker

Councilmember Lyman moved to approve the bid award for the High Density Mineral Bond Seal Coat to Holbrook Asphalt. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Taylor

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Mr. Ekker commented that the project will be different than what has been done before and it requires residents to not drive on the treated road for 8 hours after the seal coat has been applied.

D. 2013 Sewer Project Bid Award – Terry Ekker

Mr. Ekker shared information regarding the project with council telling them that the project would cover eight blocks and only one contractor submitted a bid for the project. Mr. Redd reminded council that a \$450,000 loan with an interest rate of 1.5% was received from CIB for the project. The remaining funds would come from savings.

Councilmember Lyman moved to approve the bid award for the 2013 Sewer Project to Silver Spur in the amount of \$490,142.00. Councilmember Ogle seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Taylor**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

E. Airport Project Bid Award – Bret Hosler

Councilmember Taylor moved to approve the bid award for the Airport Project to Straight Stripe in the amount of \$120,933.33. Councilmember Ogle seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Taylor**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

F. Setback Change – Move to Public Hearing – Joe Lyman

Councilmember Lyman moved to send the Setback Change to public hearing. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Lyman

Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Taylor

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

G. Consideration for and adoption of a Parameter Resolution authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$600,000 in Wastewater Revenue Bonds of Blanding City, San Juan County, Utah and calling of a public hearing to receive input with respect to the issuance of such Bonds and any potential impact to the private sector from the construction of the Project. – Jeremy Redd

Councilmember Johnson moved to approve the Consideration for and adoption of a Parameter Resolution authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$600,000 in Wastewater Revenue Bonds of Blanding City, San Juan County, Utah and calling of a public hearing to receive input with respect to the issuance of such Bonds and any potential impact to the private sector from the construction of the Project. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Taylor

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

7. DISCUSSION

A. Power Construction Specs – Charlie Taylor

Councilmember Taylor asked why Rocky Mountain Power is requiring the City to follow their guidelines, and what is pushing the change that appears to cost more money and isn't necessary. Mr. Redd responded that because the City doesn't currently have electrical specs Rocky Mountain Power specs are used. Rocky Mountain assumes we are following their specs unless it is noted differently. Mayor Turk asked if Rocky Mountain specs are not followed will that relieve them from giving support to our system. Mr. Redd responded no. He continued that the City needs to let Rocky Mountain Power know where City specs differ from theirs. Councilmember Laws asked what the additional cost was from a 2" to a 3" conduit. Mr. Palmer responded the cost is double and it will also require two employees, which doubles the labor cost of installation. He also commented that the 2" conduit is not against code. Mr. Black suggested the City get

Rocky Mountain Powers specs and modify them. Mr. Redd commented that the issue is bigger than just this one item. It was agreed that City personnel would take a closer look at Rocky Mountain Powers spec's and make adjustments to their guidelines for the City's electrical specs. Until that happens contractors will continue to follow the specs that were in place prior to the change.

B. Streets and Roads – Kelly Laws

Councilmember Laws asked if the contracts with contractors allow them to do harm to City roads. The current water project has allowed contractors to scoop and pile gravel on City roads. Mr. Redd commented that he would have to look into the contracts and see if this is included in them. Councilmember Taylor commented that the contractors need to be held responsible for the damage they cause to City streets. Councilmember Johnson stated that when contractors come to do a project it should be included in the specs that things will be cleaned up and they will be responsible for damages they cause. The City has an ordinance that does not allow obstructions in the streets.

C. Nuisance and Weed Control – Jeremy Redd

Mr. Redd informed Council that according to City policy Chief Bayles is the nuisance officer. Over the years the policy morphed into something that stated a person had to sign something that said they would testify in court if it went that far. The question now is what direction does the council want to take. Councilmember Taylor stated that the state code listed in the packet is not the code but rather the definition. The actual code is 76.10.803. Ask Jeremy. According to this code any peace officer can enforce it. Councilmember Lyman recommended changing the policy to just the top three paragraphs of the current policy. He continued that neighbors can resolve the issue without the involvement of the city. The complaint should be issued to the police not to the City. At that point the issue is between two individuals and not the City or the State. Councilmember Taylor suggested each council member read the state law.

D. USU Billboard – Jeremy Redd

Garth Wilson from USU approached council for permission to use one of the billboards south of town to advertise the college. The question was if the sign used would be the sign visible when you are entering town or the one when you leave. Councilmember Lyman stated if you are advertising what the community has to offer the incoming sign would be better. Mr. Wilson commented that the sign is not used as a recruiting tool but more of an affirmation of what the community has to offer. Mr. Redd and Mr. Wilson will write up a five-year agreement for the billboard usage.

E. Vehicles on Sidewalks at the Baseball Fields – Jeremy Redd/David Palmer

Mr. Palmer shared there is a problem at the ball fields of individuals driving into the park. The weight of those vehicles cannot be good for the concrete and is a liability issue when individuals are there. He would like to see some signage placed to keep individuals from accessing the park in their vehicles. Councilmember Taylor stated his agreement with Mr. Palmer. The question is how to address those bringing in large amounts of equipment. Mr. Palmer stated that was not an issue. It is those that are just driving in for no apparent reason that are the problem. He has spoke with several of those individuals and has received no support. Councilmember Laws suggested Mr. Palmer find a way to authorize those that have permission. Chief Bayles voiced his support if he knew who was authorized and who wasn't.

8. **INFORMATION**

A. Budget Session May 21, 2013

The session is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m.

B. The Veterans Memorial will open on Memorial Day, May 27 at 10:00 am. Everyone is invited to attend.

C. Mayor Turk spoke of his ten state tour. At each stop he dropped off packets about the area. He received positive feedback from the trip.

9. **OPEN FORUM**

A. Sherry Ray asked if Council would be willing to write a letter of support for the Dinosaur Museum. Mr. Redd responded that he will write the letter and share it with Council.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Taylor moved to adjourn. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Taylor**

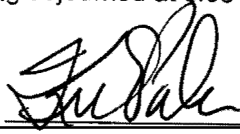
Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

By



Kim Palmer, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
April 23, 2013
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor Pro Tempore: Kelly Laws
City Councilmembers: David Johnson
Joe B Lyman
Robert Ogle
Charlie Taylor
City Administrator: Jeremy Redd
Finance Director: Kim Palmer
City Engineer: Terry Ekker

Absent: Mayor Toni Turk

Others Present: Terri Laws, Sherry Ray, Garth Wilson

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Jeremy Lyman

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Lyman moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the April 9, 2013 meeting. Councilmember Ogle seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tempore repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Johnson**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro Tempore Laws declared the motion carried.

3. **OPEN FORUM**

A. Garth Wilson from Utah State University shared with Council samples of billboard ideas for the billboards south of town. Mr. Wilson told Council that in designing the billboard it was the goal to design something that would be eye catching to those that viewed it. Mr. Redd stated that an agreement will need to be written for the billboard usage. The college would like to use the billboard coming into town from the south. Councilmember Ogle asked if the college had considered using a building as an iconic structure like other universities have. Mr. Wilson responded that the college decided to use faces rather than structures. He also shared that USU Graduation will take place on Friday, 1:00 pm. The billboard will come back as a discussion item at the May 14 meeting.

4. **PROJECT STATUS REPORTS**

A. Mr. Ekker presented the April 2013 Project Status Report:

Blanding 2012 Waterline Projects – Contractor Johansen Construction, Inc. – Engineer Hansen, Allen and Luce Project is about 80% complete. Asphalt patching can begin anytime.

12" Mountain Line Replacement – Contractor Silver Spur Construction - Engineer Hansen, Allen and Luce
The 49,592 feet of pipe is has been delivered. The contractor is fusing pipe and will not start digging for a couple weeks.

Blanding 2013 Waterline Projects – Engineer Hansen, Allen and Luce
Design is at 70%. Schedule is for construction in 2013 Season.

Veterans Memorial Project

Memorial building is at 70% completion. Pictures of KIA's are nearly complete.

Power Master Plan

We have gathered all info necessary and anticipate sending out a Request for Proposals within the month.

2013 Sewer Line Replacement Project – Engineer Hansen, Allen and Luce

Design is complete. Project will be advertised on April 4, 2013 and the bid opening will be on May 7, 2013.

2013 Pavement Preservation Project - Engineer In House

Project has been advertised and the bid opening will be on May 2, 2013.

Automated Meter Reading Program

New meters are being installed as our work schedule allows.

Airport Seal Coat Project

Pre bid meeting is on April 25, 2013. Bid opening will be May 1, 2013.

5. **ACTION ITEMS**

1. Farmers Market Contract – Jeremy Redd

Councilmember Taylor moved to approve the Farmers Market Contract for another year.

Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tempore Laws repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Lyman

Councilmember Ogle

Councilmember Johnson

Councilmember Taylor

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro Tempore Laws declared the motion carried.

6. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. Dinosaur Museum – Joe Lyman

Councilmember Lyman stated he does not see the requested funding coming from City funds. He feels that they could possibly come from TRT dollars. Councilmember Lyman asked if Sherry Ray had any

comments. Mrs. Ray responded that she didn't have anything more to add from her last visit. She offered to take Council on a tour if they would like. Mr. Redd stated that Mayor Turk was impressed with the museum when he toured it a few weeks ago. Mayor Pro Tempore Laws stated that he has no problem with writing a letter of support for the museum. He also questioned if it is the role of the City to financially support a non-profit. Councilmember Taylor echoed Mayor Pro Tempore Laws' comments. He would like to see the travel council support the museum. Councilmember Taylor asked who decides how the TRT money is spent. Mr. Redd responded the Travel Council. Councilmember Ogle stated that he doesn't feel it is the responsibility of the city to fund this. The dinosaur museum should raise its own dollars. Councilmember Lyman commented that he would be willing to support an event sponsored by the museum. Mayor Pro Tempore made the suggestion that the item come back as an action item at the next meeting and further discussion be held. Council reaffirmed their commitment and support to the Dinosaur Museum. The question is about funding not their commitment to the museum.

B. Natural Gas Revenue Bond – Jeremy Redd

Mr. Redd told council that there would be a savings of \$76,000 refunding the current bond with the State Bank of Southern Utah. In 7 years the bond will end and there will be no money owed by the Natural Gas Company.

C. Setback Change – Joe Lyman

Councilmember Lyman recommended reducing the 40 foot setback ordinance to 20 feet. Mr. Redd asked if there were any situations that would require the City to return ground to the landowner. Councilmember Lyman responded that there were none. The 40 foot setback is required for an arterial street. It is not known if there are any arterial designated streets in Blanding. The item will come back as an action item.

D. Weeds – Kelly Laws

Mr. Redd stated that the City weed policy fall under the nuisance policy. Mayor Pro Tempore Laws asked what the process was when someone complains about their neighbors weeds. Mr. Redd responded that the individuals are asked to complete a complaint form. The question then becomes what the City defines as a nuisance. What is a nuisance to one person may not be to another. If the weed situation becomes a fire hazard the fire chief will be called in. Councilmember Taylor shared that Utah's nuisance law requires 2-3 people complain before any action is taken. The question is does the nuisance break a City code. Mayor Pro Tempore Laws stated that the current ordinance cannot be enforced the way it is written. Councilmember Lyman says he believes that at times it is two neighbors squabbling because they have different views of what is a nuisance. Council requested a copy of the City nuisance ordinance and the item be added to the next meeting agenda.

7. INFORMATION

A. Mr. Redd told Council members that they had been invited to attend the USU graduation.

B. Mr. Redd told Council that the preliminary budget will be available for them to pick up on May 1st.

8. OPEN FORUM

A. David Johnson, as a business owner, expressed concern over a letter he received instructing his

electrical business to use 3 inch conduit, rather than the 2 inch that has been the standard for several years. The use of the 3 inch will cause a large increase in price to the customer. He asked why there has been this change. Mr. Redd responded that the City uses Rocky Mountain Power's standards. This is their current standard. After further discussion it was determined the topic needed to come back to Council as a discussion topic. Councilmember Taylor will bring it back.

9. **Councilmember Taylor moved to adjourn. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tempore Laws repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Taylor**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro Tempore Laws declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

By _____
Kim Palmer, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
APRIL 9, 2013
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor: Toni Turk

City Councilmembers: David Johnson

Joe B Lyman

Robert Ogle

Charlie Taylor

Kelly Laws

Finance Director: Kim Palmer

Community Development Director: Bret Hosler

General Services Director: Jeff Black

Others Present:

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Robert Ogle

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Johnson moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the March 26, 2013 meeting, with the following change on page 4, Second sentence should read, "He also stated that it was through a citizen petition that it was placed on the ballot to rescind council's decision. It did not pass." Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

3. **OPEN FORUM**

A. Bret Hosler approached council regarding the current water project located near his home. He requested a policy variance to allow him to utilize a water service on another lot he owns, rather than place one on each of the small lots he owns near his home. He explained that he has two small lots that are side by side and does not see a long term use for water on his property. Councilmember Johnson asked Mr. Hosler if he

wouldn't want to eventually put power on the property. Mr. Hosler responded that city ordinance would allow him to place it on under his current service. Councilmember Lyman stated that he has seen it done with property he owned, several years ago. Councilmember Laws stated that he does not recall ever seeing this done during the time he has been on council. Councilmember Lyman stated that if Mr. Hosler combines the two lots that would meet city ordinance allowing for one service. Councilmember Johnson asked what the time frame was for Mr. Hosler to place the service at the other location. Mr. Hosler responded that the service would be placed on a lot he owns in Pioneer Estates. Jeff Black commented that a new service already exists on the property being discussed. The charge to hook it up will be minimal and time is not of the essence. Councilmember Laws suggested the matter come back to council as an action item. Councilmember Lyman will bring it back.

B. A community fast for moisture Sunday, April 14, has been scheduled by local church leaders.

4. **REPORTS/DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

A. Mr. Black presented the March 2013 Natural Gas. Council requested that the gas report include actual amount rather than estimated.

B. Mr. Black presented the March 2013 Water Report.

C. Fire Chief Stanley presented the March 2013 Fire Report. There are 12 firefighters participating in the firefighter 1 and 2 training. Utah fire and rescue training is coming up. Wild land engine training will be held next week.

E. Mrs. Palmer presented the March 2013 Recreation Report. Girls' volleyball has finished. Registrations for baseball, softball, tee-ball and machine pitch are currently being taken. The parks crew is working on getting sprinklers repaired and set.

5. **PUBLIC HEARING – Public Requests for the 2014 FY Budget**

Councilmember Lyman moved to enter into a Public Hearing regarding public requests for the 2014 FY budget. Councilmember Ogle seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Taylor**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

No comments or requests were made

Councilmember Lyman moved to leave the Public Hearing. Councilmember Ogle seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Taylor

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

6. **ACTION ITEMS**

A. Blue Mountain Transmission Pipeline Project Bid Award – Jeff Black

Councilmember Laws moved to accept Silver Spur Construction's bid of \$1,039,881.50 for the Blue Mountain Transmission Pipeline Project. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Taylor

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Councilmember Laws asked what was known about the contractor. Mr. Black responded that all bidders were required to be pre-qualified prior to the time the project was opened for bidding. Silver Spur met all prequalification requirements. One of the requirements was that the company had to have worked on a similar project within the last 5 years. Out of the 13 companies that were prequalified for the project only 5 turned in an actual bid. Silver Spur is located in northern Utah.

B. Consideration for and adoption of a Bond Resolution authorizing the issuance of a \$750,000 Parity Water Revenue Bond, Series 2013A of Blanding City, San Juan County, Utah – Kim Palmer

Councilmember Laws made the motion to approve the bond resolution authorizing the issuance of the \$750,000 Parity Water Revenue Bond, Series 2013A. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Taylor**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Unlicensed Contractors – Bret Hosler

Mr. Hosler has met with the state inspector. He told Bret that he could call the state and report the unlicensed individual. If a contractor has an issue they can contact the state if they choose. Mr. Hosler will not have to approach anyone; the state individual will come and handle the situation.

B. City of Blanding General Plan – Joe Lyman and Bret Hosler

Councilmember Lyman told council that the City's general plan is a broad guiding document of what the plan is for Blanding. The plan is not binding but rather a guiding document that gives long-term direction to the city.

C. Utah Mayors Letter – Mayor Turk

Mayor Turk asked for the council advice and consent for his name to be placed on a letter that will be sent to the state. The letter will ask the federal government to enforce immigration laws. The council gave advice and consent.

D. Water – Kelly Laws

Councilmember Laws shared that the city uses approximately 800 acre feet of water a year. Currently there is enough water available for this year and next year, not taking into account evaporation. When all reservoirs are full the city has 5 years of water storage. It was determined that a strongly worded letter be written and published in the paper, face book and the webpage encouraging citizens to not waste the limited water resource. If wasting of water becomes a bigger issue there could be penalties for those who are wasteful. In years past the penalty was an increase in the water rate to encourage residents to be more conscience of what they were using. Mayor Turk noted that the city is also an offender in wasting water.

Councilmember Laws told council that the White Mesa Mill was in need of 200 feet of water and the Water Conservancy District sold them 200 acre feet out of the pool for \$35,000. Recapture is currently sitting at conservation levels. The water contract with the mill starts in November; the City will be in default of that contract without any water.

8. **INFORMATION**

None

9. **OPEN FORUM**

A. There were no comments from the public.

10. **Councilmember Taylor moved to adjourn. Councilmember Ogle seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

By 
Kim Palmer, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
MARCH 26, 2013
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor: Toni Turk
City Councilmembers: David Johnson
Joe B Lyman
Kelly Laws
Robert Ogle
City Administrator: Jeremy Redd
Finance Director: Kim Palmer
Police Chief: Lyle Bayles
Community Development Director: Bret Hosler
City Engineer: Terry Ekker

Absent: Charlie Taylor

Others Present: Terri Laws, Tammy Jaramillio, LaRee Burgess, Penny Gough, Susan Young, Bill Haven, Sheri Pugh, Kiara Pugh, Cathie Flannery, Dallin Redd, Leslie Redd, Cody Nielson, John Raisor, Colleen Raisor, Michael Bradford, Crystal Shumway, Ruth Vess, Scott Young, Laraina Jones

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Kim Palmer.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Lyman moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the March 26, 2013 meeting, with the following change to Page 4, change date from April 15th to April 10th. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Johnson**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

3. **OPEN FORUM**

Joe B Lyman: Reminded everyone to be nice and considerate of others feelings.

Susan Young made the statement that all contractors should be licensed. She then voiced her concerns over the recommendations to allow alcohol to be sold in the City. She reminded everyone that alcohol will require new rules, just for the ability to serve alcohol. She then stated her love for Blanding and the area.

Her final comment was that City residents should have the opportunity to vote on the alcohol ordinance. Tammy Jaramillo asked how many businesses within the City can legally sell alcohol products. She then shared what she has found out in researching the law. It cannot be sold within 600 feet away of schools or public buildings. She also stated that Blanding is not a tourist destination and the sale of alcohol will not change that.

Kathy Flannery asked for a cross walk on the west end of town. She stated there is a lot of foot traffic in this area. She commented that a crosswalk at 300 West on 200 South or 500 South and Main would be good locations. There is a petition started to place these cross walks.

Bill Haven commented that the ability to sell alcohol in Blanding City would put businesses on a fair playing field with their competition. Businesses should have a right to choose to sell or not sell. He continued that Blanding is getting bad press because; we state "we cannot offer" alcoholic drinks. The Peace Tree restaurant is the only location in Monticello that offers alcohol products, while others have chosen not to. Monticello does not get the bad press because the option is there for businesses to sell or not sell. He agrees with Tammy that alcohol is not the answer to the tourist issue. He feels the voters of Blanding should have the right to vote on the alcohol issue. Let the community choose to allow or disallow the sale of alcohol.

Michael Bradford stated he feels the topic of alcohol should be put out to the people and let them speak. He feels that it could be a step towards increasing visitors. He feels it might be a step forward in community growth. We need to listen to what visitors are saying and asking for.

John Raisor stated he would like to see the issue on the ballot. It was 25 years ago that the people voted on the issue and a lot has changed since that time.

Cody Nielson commented that he likes that Blanding is different and unique.

Penny Gough told council that the alcohol ordinance should go to a vote by the citizens. If the vote goes against allowing alcohol to be sold then Blanding should change their direction and advertise towards a family friendly city.

Scott Young stated he has encountered visitors who have brought their own alcohol, knowing that they would not be able to purchase it.

Crystal Shumway requested more officers on Center Street near her home located on 400 West and Center Street. Vehicles travel at a high rate of speed near her home and it is not safe for the residents that live there.

Ruth Vess stated she would like to see the alcohol ordinance go to the ballot so people can say yea or nay.

Laraina Jones stated that she would like to see it go to the vote. Let the community vote.

4. REPORTS/DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

A. Project Status Report – Terry Ekker

Terry Ekker presented the March project status report to council. The following information was shared.

1. Blanding 2012 Waterline Projects – Contractor Johansen Construction, Inc. – Engineer Hansen, Allen and Luce

Project is about 60% complete. Asphalt patching can begin on April 15th.

2. 12" Mountain Line Replacement – Engineer Hansen, Allen and Luce

The pipe has been manufactured. The bid opening for the construction is March 28, 2013. The bid award will be presented to Council on April 9, 2013.

3. Blanding 2013 Waterline Projects – Engineer Hansen, Allen and Luce
Design is at 70%. Schedule is for construction in 2013 Season.

4. Veterans Memorial

Footings/floor has been poured and work is moving forward.

5. Power Master Plan

We have gathered all info necessary and anticipate sending out a Request for Proposals within the month.

6. 2013 Sewer Line Replacement Project – Engineer Hansen, Allen and Luce
Design is at 30%. Staff is currently reviewing preliminary plans.

7. 2013 Pavement Preservation Project - Engineer In House

We plan to apply a high density mineral bond to many of the streets that have been recently reconstructed or overlaid.

8. Automated Meter Reading Program

We are successfully reading electric and gas meters now. We will be installing over 100 new gas ERTs over the next month. We anticipate installing new water meters in the near future as the temperatures warm up

5. **ACTION ITEMS**

A. Purchasing Policy – Kim Palmer

Councilmember Lyman moved to approve the new purchasing policy. Councilmember Ogle seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Johnson**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

B. Legislative Referendum Alcohol Sales – Robert Ogle

Prior to making the motion Councilmember Ogle expressed appreciation to those that have called or spoke with him on the issue.

Councilmember Ogle moved to include on the 2013 election ballot a Legislative Referendum - Alcohol Sales. The referendum will read “Blanding City will permit the licensed, regulated sale of beer and wine in the retail and hospitality businesses within Blanding City limits in accordance with the Utah State law. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion

and asked for discussion.

Councilmember Laws commented that 25 years ago the citizens voted on a referendum for the sale of alcohol and it did not pass. If the citizens of Blanding want a referendum for alcohol on the ballot then let the citizens make it happen. Councilmember Lyman stated that the community has spoken its voice three times, regarding the sale of alcohol products and in all three instances it did not pass. The council has an obligation to carry out what the community has already spoken. He agrees with Councilmember Laws that if the people want to vote on it, then they should put the referendum on the ballot through a petition. If you can't get enough support for a petition to place a referendum on the ballot, then the community has spoken. Councilmember Johnson stated he is in agreement with Council members Lyman and Laws. He feels that the citizens should bring a petition if they want it on the ballot.

Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Ogle

Those voting NAY

**Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson**

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion did not carry.

C. Approve New Police Officer Hire – Mayor Turk

Councilmember Lyman commended Chief Bayles for the way the hiring of the officer was conducted. Council gave advise and consent for the hiring of Jeff Whipple as Blanding City's new police officer.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Grandfathered Animal Rights – Kelly Laws

Councilmember Laws reviewed the history of the current animal ordinance and the map showing those residents that have animal rights. He also stated that it was through a citizen petition that it was placed on the ballot to rescind council's decision. It did not pass. He continued that to determine who had animals on their property a questionnaire was developed and distributed to those citizens that had animals on their property or who felt they had grandfathered rights. The current map was made from those surveys. In regards to Jed Lyman's animal rights it was discovered that his wife had signed the survey relinquishing all animal rights on their property. That is why Mr. Lyman's property was not on the map as one having animal rights.

B. Unlicensed Contractors – David Johnson

Councilmember Johnson shared what occurred when an individual was turned in for being unlicensed. He told council that Mr. Hosler was contacted about the unlicensed individual. At this time Mr. Hosler told the reporting individual that he had been given direction from council that it was not his role to monitor or police these types of situations. Mr. Hosler then directed the individual to contact the state regarding the

unlicensed individual. However, when the state was contacted they were told to contact their local inspector. Councilmember Johnson states that he wants Mr. Hosler to have the right to investigate those accused of being unlicensed. He would like that to be a directive from Council. Councilmember Laws asked Mr. Hosler why he had been directed to not police or monitor these things. Bret responded that it was because anyone could call the state and report these individuals. It was his understanding that the council did not want to be involved because of a potential liability issue. When building permits are being completed the contractors on them are verified to ensure they are licensed by Mr. Hosler. Councilmember Laws asked Mr. Hosler what happens if the contractor is unlicensed and caught. Mr. Hosler responded that he has authority to request they stop working. A stop work order would be issued if they did not stop with the verbal request. If the individual ignores the request, he would contact Chief Bayles and they could be fined or arrested for breaking state law. Councilmember Lyman stated that if Mr. Hosler is going to monitor and respond to these types of incidents he must have quality evidence. It cannot just be a word of mouth or hearsay. Councilmember Laws stated that the individual making the complaint should do so in writing. Mr. Redd and Mr. Hosler will work on a form that would clarify what the level of evidence would be needed and the amount of work being performed. It will come back to council.

C. Abandoned Vehicle Letter – Jeremy Redd

Jeremy read the letter to be sent to those with vehicles that are abandoned or stored on the street. Lyle will bring in a list of individuals that are in violation.

6. INFORMATION – None

7. OPEN FORUM

Laree Burgess asked if the City could do something to stop residents from parking trailers and large trucks too close to corners. These vehicles make it difficult to see around the corner. As a district bus driver she sees this as a big problem.

Tammy Jaramillo suggested the City look into placing flashing speed limit signs on the north and south end of town.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Ogle moved to adjourn. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
MARCH 12, 2013
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor:	Toni Turk
City Councilmembers:	David Johnson
	Joe B Lyman
	Kelly Laws
	Robert Ogle
	Charlie Taylor
City Administrator:	Jeremy Redd
Finance Director:	Kim Palmer
Police Chief:	Lyle Bayles
Community Development Director:	Bret Hosler
Fire Chief:	Craig Stanley
City Engineer:	Terry Ekker
General Services Director:	Jeff Black

Others Present: Cleal Bradford, Bill Haven, Terri Laws, Guy Denton, Dallin Redd, Jed Lyman, John Raisor, Colleen Raisor, Craig Simpson

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by David Johnson

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Johnson moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the February 26th meeting, with the following changes; page 5 paragraph 4 last sentence to read "He will not however support any financial means to the project because Blanding Residents are already supporting with 27% of shares and as county residents they are also being taxed for the project." Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Taylor**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

3. **OPEN FORUM**

A. Grandfathered Animal Rights - Jed Lyman

Mr. Lyman stated he has learned that according to the map he does not have animal rights. He has had animals on his property for the past 30 years. He is requesting the error on the map be fixed showing his property does have animal rights. Mr. Hosler showed maps from 2003 and 1990 that designate those with animal rights. The 2003 map shows Mr. Lyman does not have animal rights while the 1990 map does. There is no explanation why Mr. Lyman's property is not on the most current map. Council directed Bret to do the research and bring back a recommendation to council to put Mr. Lyman's property back on the animal rights map. He will bring the recommendation back under Councilmember Laws name on the agenda.

4. **REPORTS/DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

A. Mr. Ekker presented the February 2013 Natural Gas and Water Reports. Mr. Ekker reported that natural gas usage was similar to February 2012.

Councilmember Laws asked if the Mill had used all of the City's reserve water in recapture. Mr. Ekker responded that the City is currently at conservation level. The Mill has used 391 acre feet as of March 1st. The Mill will now be using water that belongs to the Water Conservancy District.

Mr. Ekker reported that from the storm on March 11th making the average snowpack at 88%. Precipitation is sitting at 80% of annual participation.

B. Chief Bayles presented the February 2013 Police Report. Councilmember Ogle asked about the assault on the police officer. Chief Bayles responded that the officer was okay.

There are nine applicants for the open police officer position. Interviews for the position will be held next week.

C. Mr. Stanley presented the February 2013 Fire Report. Fire Fighter I and II training has begun. There are 16 individuals taking the class. The classes continue until May 25th. When the training is complete all but 4 firefighters in the department will have Firefighter I and II certifications. Training is occurring tonight on the pumper.

D. Mr. Redd presented the February 2013 Recreation Report. Mr. Redd reported that basketball has finished. Youth volleyball is currently underway. The parks crews have started working on getting the ball parks ready for play.

5. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. Unregistered Vehicles – Mayor Turk

Mayor Turk asked what the policy was regarding unregistered/licensed vehicles that are parked on city streets. Chief Bayles responded that unless the vehicle is moving there isn't anything that can be done.

Mayor Turk asked Council if this was something that needed to be dealt with and if so how. Councilmember Laws responded that at one time letters were sent out to those that had unregistered or broken down vehicles parked on the street. The letter requested these vehicles be removed. If a letter is written it must be sent to all those that have such vehicles. If one vehicle is impounded, then they all must be. Councilmember Taylor stated that these vehicles can be ticketed or impounded. The Council gave direction for a letter to be written. Information will also be posted on Facebook and the webpage regarding the issue. Mr. Redd stated he will draft a letter and bring it back to council for input.

B. Shooting Range Cleanup – Jeremy Redd

Mr. Redd shared that he was approached by Mark Christiansen who is seeking permission to clean up the shooting range as part of his dedicated hunter permit. He would like to be able to take the trash to the transfer station and have the fee waived. Council declined to waive the fee.

C. San Juan Foundation Land Acquisition – Joe B. Lyman

Councilmember Lyman turned the discussion over to Cleal Bradford. Mr. Bradford distributed documentation which included history of the land being discussed. The property has been non BLM land for over 30 years. He also shared documentation regarding the archeology work completed on the land. One document was done by BYU and the other by Winston Hurst. There is a great deal of archeological sites on the 160 acres. There is state money available to assist in revitalizing the area. The amount available from the state is \$10,000. There would need to be a required match of \$10,000 from the city. Mayor Turk asked if the match could be in-kind. Mr. Bradford responded that some could be in-kind the other would be cash. Mayor Turk then shared that he had been contacted by Lynn Stevens who told him that the University of Utah was interested in doing some archeological work on the location. Guy Denton stated he spoke with John Allen who is over the Anthropology and Archeology department at Utah State University inquiring about their interest in the location. Mr. Allen expressed an interest in participating but funding would need to be sought to enable them to do so. On a personal level Mr. Denton is interested in doing this, however he can not commit the University to the \$10,000 match at this time. Mayor Turk commented that the \$10,000 is the least of the issues. The City by itself cannot do it, but would need the College to participate to make it happen. Mr. Denton commented that he has had a positive response from the Dean of the department and from the Chancellor.

Mr. Redd asked if the \$20,000 would go towards the stabilization and revitalization of the ruin located on the site. Mr. Bradford responded that the funds would bring the site back to an early point in time. The funding would cover the south five rooms. The other rooms located on the site would be a future project.

The question was asked about who would carry the liability of the area. Mr. Bradford responded that liability would be the responsibility of the City. Councilmember Laws commented that taking the property would increase the work and financial responsibility for the City. It would be important to look at the short term and long term costs associated with the land. Councilmember Taylor stated his agreement with Councilmember Laws. He then commented that the trail system in the area will need work and then questioned if the City would have the funds to complete that work. He then asked why the state or the county was not interested in the area. He then voiced his concern over the liability and funding for the project. Mayor stated that if this is

just a City project he agrees with Councilmember Laws and Taylor. If the university is not a major player in the project it needs to come off the table. If the University is a player, then the project needs to be looked at in a more serious manner. Mr. Denton responded that he cannot make that commitment at this time. His campus is being forced to reduce \$300,000 from its budget. Councilmember Lyman states he doesn't feel like it's something the City can do without the University's participation. Mr. Bradford comments the land is going to be there whether the City takes it or the University. He has been taking care of maintaining trails and picking up the garbage to this point and will continue to do so. Councilmember Laws comments that if it's structured right there probably isn't anyone against doing it. The question is can the City afford this. He doesn't think the City should take the land until the responsibilities are clearly laid out and is agreed to by all parties. Mr. Redd asked if there was a time limit tied to the offer. Mr. Bradford responded that the San Juan Foundation will continue to care for the land.

D. Alcohol Ordinance Change – Robert Ogle

Mr. Ogle shared that he has been approached by several local citizens about bringing the current alcohol ordinance to the Council for discussion. He shared several questions he has regarding the ordinance. He questioned if the ordinance is taking away others constitutional rights. He also questioned how it affects tourism, revenues and growth. Is the ordinance affecting visitor's concept of hospitality. Councilmember Lyman commented that in a small community you get to decide what type of community you want to be. The community has voted three different times on a referendum to change the policy on alcohol and the ordinance stands. He stated that the council will not make the decision it will be the voice of the community that changes it. Councilmember Taylor stated he doesn't feel he should vote on this for the 3500 plus individuals that have a right to have their voice heard. Mayor Turk asked Mr. Redd about the process for placing a referendum on the ballot. Mr. Redd told Council there are three ways a referendum can be placed on a ballot. First, a public hearing on the ordinance can be held giving the public an opportunity to be heard. The Council can then vote on the ordinance. Second, Council can vote to have the item placed on the ballot. This would need to occur before April 15th to get on the upcoming election ballot. If it does not it would have to wait until the election in 2015. Third, a petition can be taken to the community requesting the item be placed on the ballot. This would have to be done by April 15th. It would require 10% of registered voters in last election be in favor of putting it on the ballot. Councilmember Johnson questioned if this third avenue would be the best. This might give a better idea of how the community as a whole feels about the topic. Councilmember Taylor responded that he feels it would be easier to vote to put it on the ballot. Chief Bayles speaking from a law enforcement perspective stated that if the ordinance changed he would need more man power. Mr. Redd told Council that it would be possible to regulate the types of alcohol that could be sold and where. It's not an all or nothing situation.

6. **INFORMATION**

Mr. Redd told Council that the White Mesa Mill has invited Council to take a tour of the mill. He will be setting a tour for Council and staff for an afternoon during the week.

7. **OPEN FORUM**

Bill Haven told Council that beer and wine sales will make a difference in the way Blanding is marketed to visitors. He feels the City and businesses are losing dollars because of the current alcohol ordinance.

Being able to offer beer and wine could level the playing field with competitors. He would like to see the topic discussed further and placed on the ballot.

Craig Simpson a local business owner stated that half of their visitors ask for beer or wine at his Bluff restaurant. The restaurant only sells alcohol with a meal. For many of the Europeans a drink with their meal is just part of their life. The opportunity to have a drink with their meal encourages and sways the decision of where they will eat. Mr. Simpson also stated that 2% of sales at his Bluff location are beer sales. The restaurant limits three drinks with a meal. He also shared that over the years he can only recall three incidents that have occurred regarding alcohol at the restaurant. And in both of these incidents the individuals came into the restaurant already intoxicated. Mr. Simpson also encouraged council that as they discuss the alcohol ordinance they take the time to visit with local motels about what they are finding in the rooms after their guests have checked out. He wrapped up his comments by telling council that there have been several guests who, when finding out Blanding does not allow alcohol sales, tell him they would not be staying in Blanding again.

Chief Bayles commended Mr. Simpson for the way he runs his businesses and suggests he participates in drafting any policy that is written regarding Blanding City's alcohol ordinance.

8. **Councilmember Taylor moved to retire to Executive Session. Councilmember Ogle seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Taylor**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Mayor and Council retired to executive session at 8:45 p.m.

Mayor and Council returned to regular session at 9:30 p.m.

9. **Councilmember Taylor moved to adjourn. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Taylor**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

By 
Kim Palmer, Deputy Recorder

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Kelly Laws
Robert Ogle
Charlie Taylor
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Finance Director: Kim Palmer
Police Chief: Lyle Bayles
Community Development Director: Bret Hosler
City Engineer: Terry Ekker

Others Present: Terri Laws, Kay Johnson, Sherry Ray, Alex Buxton, Paul McDonald, Phil Lyman

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Joe B. Lyman

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. Prior to a motion to approve the minutes Councilmember Lyman asked for clarification from the financial disbursements in regards to the court fines and forfeitures. Mr. Redd responded that the number was high due to the transfer of funds from the judicial account to the city account. These funds cover judicial expenses such as employees.

Councilmember Lyman moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the February 12, 2012 meeting. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Taylor**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

3. **OPEN FORUM**

A. Paul McDonald approached council about the Blanding Wildfire Protection plan. He reported that he had just attended the meeting. He asked council to review the plan and see if it is a worthwhile project for the city. Mr. Redd responded to Mr. McDonald's comments by stating that Fire Chief Stanley is on the committee representing the City. The next Blanding Wildfire Protection Plan meeting is scheduled for March 26 at the fire station.

4. **REPORTS/DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

A. Mr. Ekker presented the January 2013 Natural Gas and Water Reports. He commented that a new natural gas service has been installed at the college for the new dorms.

Mr. Ekker told council that Camp Jackson was at 80% of normal and precipitation is at 81%. We are 20% dryer than normal for this year.

B. Chief Bayles presented the January 2013 Police Report. Chief Bayles reported that the application process for the vacant police officer position will close next week. Officer Cal Dean Black has taken a position with the county. A hiring selection board will recommend a candidate to Chief Bayles. Chief Bayles will then make a recommendation to the Mayor. Councilmember Ogle asked about the death investigation listed on the report. Chief Bayles responded that anytime there is a death that was unattended an investigation is required as standard procedure.

C. Mr. Redd presented the January 2013 Fire Report. Mr. Redd reported that fire Chief Stanley has been quite busy getting the new fire truck.

D. Mr. Redd presented the January 2013 Recreation Report. Mr. Redd reported that the boys' basketball league is finishing up. The men's basketball tournament is being held this week. The Sportsman Fish and Wildlife event has scheduled the Wellness Center for late March. He continued that work has begun on getting the parks ready for Spring and that Mike Lee has finished the repair project at the Wellness Center.

5. **ACTION ITEMS**

1. San Juan Foundation Land Acquisition – Joe B. Lyman

This action item was tabled.

2. Consideration for and adoption of resolution authorizing the issuance of not to exceed 1,6000,000 in Natural Gas Revenue Refunding Bonds of Blanding City, San Juan County, Utah. Resolution 2-26-2013-1
Mr. Redd told council that there is an opportunity to refinance the current Natural Gas Bond to a reduced rate of 2.21% with Zion's Bank. This would save approximately \$50,000 over the course of the loan. The current rate is 3.5% with Wells Fargo Bank.

Councilmember Lyman moved to approve Resolution 2-26-2013-1; Natural Gas Revenue Refunding Bonds. Councilmember Ogle seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Lyman

Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Taylor

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. San Juan Foundation Land Acquisition – Joe B. Lyman

Mayor Turk and Councilmember Lyman informed council about the 160 acres located near the Westwater ruin that Cleal Bradford is proposing be returned to the City. This particular piece of land has been passed through several different entities over the years. It was stated that owning the land would be a good way to keep the area open as it is surrounded by BLM ground. The area could be used for archeological research and monitoring by the College. The travel council feels this would be a good location to market to those visiting the area.

The question was raised about who would maintain the area. Councilmember Lyman responded that according to an agreement made 10 years ago the City is already responsible for the upkeep of the area. Included in the agreement is the installation of picnic tables and providing garbage collection. This has not happened. Councilmember Taylor asked if the City takes over this area will we be responsible for the maintenance. Mr. Redd responded the City will be responsible for the maintenance and garbage. However the Heritage Council will continue to maintain the trails. County Commissioner Phil Lyman reaffirmed that the Heritage Council and the Travel Council would be participants in maintaining the area. Councilmember Taylor asked about the issue of liability for the area. Councilmember Lyman responded that he could not answer that question.

Mayor Turk commented that this particular piece of ground could be used by the college for educational purposes. Councilmember Ogle asked who would be partnering from the college. Commissioner Lyman responded that the Natural History Center in Price would be interested. USU has other programs that are working in an outreach fashion within the county. Mayor Turk then stated that Mr. Guy Denton has a signed agreement from USU Logan to have an endowed archeology instructor on this campus. He then continued to say that the idea could also improve the City's brand that has been hurt by reports made by news media on the Wasatch Front. Having control of the land would also alleviate the closure of trails as has been done on the east side of the City.

Councilmember Lyman commented that obligations for liability and maintenance would need to be clearly defined before the City could accept the land.

Commissioner Lyman stated that from the county stand point they would like to see the acquisition happen.

Mayor Turk asked Commissioner Lyman if there was any time urgency on the acquisition. The response was no.

Mr. Redd shared that he has received an email from Winston Hurst. Mr. Hurst asked if Blanding City would be willing to sponsor a poster for the Archeological Conference to be held in Salt Lake. The cost would be \$100. Council gave advise and consent for the \$100 poster.

B. Purchasing Policy

Mr. Redd and Mrs. Palmer reviewed the current purchasing policy with the council and shared the desire to increase limits to be more in line with what is actually occurring. The new policy will come back to council as an action item on new council's agenda.

C. Dinosaur Museum – Joe B. Lyman

Sherry Ray attended Council to answer questions regarding the museum. Mayor Turk asked Mrs. Ray about what the visitation numbers were at the museum. Mrs. Ray responded that gathering those numbers may be difficult because the owners were not willing to go back and find those numbers at this time. They are currently not in town and are working on a remodeling project at the museum. Mrs. Ray did share that about 600-700 students have visited the museum over the last year. Mayor Turk responded that students are not really an economic visitor. He then recommended that the museum give a report on their visitation on a monthly basis.

Mrs. Ray shared that \$80,000 plus was raised by the museum through their traveling exhibit. These funds have been used to fund the 3000 square foot remodel being completed at the museum. The new exhibit/remodel is scheduled to open on the 4th of July. Mr. Redd asked if the entire amount for the remodel was raised through the traveling exhibit. Mrs. Ray responded that the project is \$5000 short in finishing the remodel. Mr. Redd then commented that there is currently a \$575 building permit for the museum that council could donate in support to the museum. Councilmember Taylor responded that he would like to see the visitation numbers before donating any dollars. Councilmember Ogle commented that visitors to the museum are incidental visitors that are only here for a short time. The museum is not currently drawing visitors to the community. Councilmember Johnson asked if the museum had partnered with the visitor center and the travel council. Mrs. Ray responded that she believes each entity promotes for another.

Mrs. Ray stated that other funds are being sought to help with the museum. The museum personnel will be meeting with the Legacy Trust Fund in March about funding. A letter has been sent to the local newspaper requesting donations for the museum.

Councilmember Lyman stated that part of the remaining \$5000 appears to be labor and then asked if this could be used as an Eagle Scout project. Mrs. Ray responded that museum owners, Steve and Sylvia Czerkas are not interested in an Eagle Scout project. Councilmember Lyman then stated he would be more comfortable supporting a particular event at the museum rather than just a donation.

Councilmember Laws stated that he is impressed with what has been done at the museum but because the

council is being asked to donate public dollars there needs to be justification to do so. He would also like to see the plans of how these dollars will be used. Councilmember Johnson suggested the new exhibit opening be marketed with other July 4th activities and included on the schedule of events.

Council agreed to visit the Dinosaur Museum in the near future.

D. Dry Wash Reservoir Expansion – Jeremy Redd

Mr. Redd shared a letter that the City received from the Water Conservancy District. There is a plan to increase the size of Dry Wash Reservoir to about double the size. The idea is to leave the water level at a point where the reservoir can be used for recreational purposes. The Water Conservancy District is seeking a letter of support from the City for the dry wash expansion.

Councilmember Johnson asked what the cost to the City would be for the expansion. Mr. Redd responded that the request is just for a letter at this time. Councilmember Laws stated that until the Conservancy District makes an agreement with the irrigation company they have no water in Dry Wash. He will support a letter to the Water Conservancy District with some agreements in it. He will not however support any financial means to the project because tax payers are already supporting with the 27% of shares and as county residents.

It was agreed a letter would be sent stating that the City is not opposed to the project and that support has already been given through the irrigation company. Jeremy will bring a letter back to the next meeting for council approval.

E. Walter C Lyman Park – Charlie Taylor

Councilmember Taylor asked for Council input in what direction to take the Walter C Lyman Park. Some of the current playground equipment needs to be removed for safety reasons. The question was raised about selling the park. Councilmember Laws responded that he didn't think the park could be sold.

Councilmember Johnson asked how City staff felt about the park. Mr. Black responded that in his opinion the park should have been abandoned years ago. Mr. Redd stated that it is taking the City parks crew a full day just to mow the lawn at the park. Council gave advise and consent to turn the Walter C Lyman Park into a primitive park. Sealed bids will be taken for the play ground equipment.

7. **INFORMATION**

A. Maverick Point Forest Health Project – Jeremy Redd

Mr. Redd shared a letter that was received from the Forest Service regarding tree project on Maverick Point. The project will lead to a closure of 13.5 miles of roads.

8. **OPEN FORUM**

A. There were no comments from the public

9. **Councilmember Taylor moved to adjourn. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Taylor**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

By _____
Kim Palmer, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
February 13, 2013
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor: Toni Turk
City Councilmembers: David Johnson
Joe B Lyman
Kelly Laws
Robert Ogle
Charlie Taylor
City Administrator: Jeremy Redd
Finance Director: Kim Palmer
Police Chief: Lyle Bayles
Community Development Director: Bret Hosler
Fire Chief: Craig Stanley

Others Present: Cindy Bayles, Harold Lyman, Judge Will Walker, Walt Lacy, Joshua Lacy, Jeremy Bleak, Tanner Bleak

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Kelly Laws.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Johnson moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the January 22, 2013 meeting, Councilmember Ogle seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Taylor**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Councilmember Johnson asked what invoice from Abajo Archeologists was for. Mr. Redd explained that when the water line was put in at the elementary school an archeologist had to be onsite while the digging was done to ensure no archeological sites were disturbed.

3. **OPEN FORUM**

A. There were no comments from the public.

4. **ACTION ITEMS**

A. UAMPS 2012 Integrated Resource Plan

Mr. Redd explained that the attached plan is part of the UAMP's integrated resource plan. The City portion of the plan includes information about the power system and what the future plans are to reduce the amount of power used by the City. It also highlights current strategies to reduce the amount of power used by the City.

Councilmember Taylor moved to approve the UAMPS 2012 Integrated Resource Plan, Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Taylor**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Taylor moved to adjourn council meeting and enter a budget worksession. Councilmember Ogle seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Taylor**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

6. **WORK SESSION**

After council meeting ended a work session was held to hear department presentations in preparation of preparing 2014 fiscal year budget.

The work session ended at 9:30 p.m.

By 

Kim Palmer, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
JANUARY 22, 2013
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor:	Toni Turk
City Councilmembers:	David Johnson
	Joe B Lyman
	Robert Ogle
	Kelly Laws
City Administrator:	Jeremy Redd
Finance Director:	Kim Palmer
Police Chief:	Lyle Bayles
Community Development Director:	Bret Hosler
City Engineer:	Terry Ekker
General Services Director:	Jeff Black

Council Members excused: Charlie Taylor

Others Present: Terri Laws, Bree Hosler, Ed Johnstun, Ike Chamberlain, Alisa Morley, Kyler Johnson, Connor Christensen and several local scouts.

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Mayor Turk.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Johnson moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the December 11, 2012 meeting, with the following clarification on page 3 to read "Councilmember Lyman stated the letter should not just be symbolic because it is coming from a publicly elected body. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

3. **OPEN FORUM**

A. Ed Johnstun shared with council a plan for an open carry day (guns) for Blanding. There are several citizens discussing the idea. They would like the City Council and staff to support this activity. Mr. Johnstun

said the main purpose of the open carry day would be to get citizens to exercise their 2nd amendment rights. Councilmember Lyman stated that there isn't much the council or city would need to do because it is a right citizens already have. We could help advertise and make people aware of the event. Mr. Redd responded that the event could be advertised on the city Facebook page. Councilmember Ogle stated that people need to know what a legal carry is. Mr. Johnstun asked if the police could assist in making sure all laws are followed. Councilmember Johnson agreed that the police/chief needs to be involved to ensure those participating do so legally. Councilmember Laws applauded Mr. Johnstun and those organizing the event. He suggested the group approach the event not so much to carry the gun but to exercise their constitutional right to do so. Chief Bayles commented that he would do some research to ensure everyone knows what is a legal carry. Mr. Redd told Mr. Johnstun to stop by the city office when the dates are scheduled and with any other information that may need to be shared with the community.

4. **REPORTS/DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

A. Project Status Report – Terry Ekker

1. Blanding Waterline Projects – 20% complete

2. 12" Mountain Line Replacement

The plans are at 90%. Things are on schedule for bids in for early spring. Ekker than shared that is he is looking at purchasing the pipe for the project now. Currently suppliers will only make their quotes good for a few days or a week at the most. Because of this contractors will not be able to guarantee the price on the pipe. If the City purchases the pipe there could be a savings of \$100-\$200,000 on pipe. However, the city would have to carry that amount until the loan/grant closes. The City will also have the burden of storing, unloading and taking care of the pipe. The idea has been discussed with Councilmember Laws who felt good about purchasing the pipe. Mr. Redd estimates the money for the pipe would be floated for only a few days, but could go a month or so. He did not see any problem with floating the amount. The council gave advise and consent for the pipe to be purchased and stored by the City.

3. Blanding 2013 Water line project

Project design is at 20% complete.

4. Veterans Memorial

Bids are currently being taken for the project. Councilmember Lyman asked what the current funds were for the project. Mr. Redd responded that \$33,000 has been raised for the project.

5. Power Master Plan

A request for proposals is anticipated to be made within the next month.

6. 2013 Sewer Line Replacement – Engineer Hansen, Allen and Luce

A \$450,000 loan was approved by CIB. Project kickoff scheduled for January 30, 2013.

7. 2013 Pavement Preservation Project – Engineer In House

High density mineral bond will be applied to many streets that have been recently reconstructed or overlaid. This will occur when the weather warms.

8. Automated Meter Reading Program

The new guns are currently being used.

5. PUBLIC HEARING – CDBG Grant

Councilmember Lyman moved to enter into a Public Hearing regarding the Community Development Block Grant. Councilmember Ogle seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Mayor Turk, opened the public hearing at 7:30 pm for comment and suggestion on the CDBG program and stated that this hearing is being called to consider potential projects for which funding may be applied under the 2013 Community Development Block Grant Program. It was explained that the grant money needed to be spent on projects benefiting primarily low and moderate income persons. The Southeast Utah Association of Local Governments, in which the City of Blanding is a member, was expecting to receive approximately \$500,000 in this new program year. All eligible activities which can be accomplished under this program are identified in the CDBG Application Guide and interested persons can review it at any time. Mayor Turk had City Manager Jeremy Redd then review several of the eligible activities listed including, (Examples such as: Construction of public works and facilities, ie: water and sewer lines, fire stations, acquisition of real property, provision of public services like food shelters, also eligible are loan programs for private businesses which would then hire low income persons and the program can also pay for housing rehabilitation for low income homeowners or for persons owning rental housing for lower income persons). Mr. Redd indicated that in the past the City of Blanding has received a number of CDBG grants in the past through which the City has been able to do water projects, and park rehabilitation projects. The city has handed out its capital investment plan as part of the regional "Consolidated Plan". This list shows which projects the city has identified as being needed in the community. He further explained that the City Council is considering applying for funding help for sewer line upgrades and improvements and informed those present that anyone with questions, comments or suggestions throughout the hearing please identify themselves by name, before they speak. The clerk will include your names in the minutes and we would like to specifically respond to your questions and suggestions during the hearing. There were not comments

Councilmember Lyman moved to leave the Public Hearing and return to regular session. Councilmember Ogle seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

6. ACTION ITEMS

A. National Honor Society Request for Easter Egg Hunt – Joe B. Lyman

Councilmember Lyman asked National Honor Society representative Bree Hosler to make the request for funding for the Easter egg hunt sponsored by the group. Miss Hosler requested a donation of \$300 from the council. Councilmember Lyman asked the question does the activity fit into the scope of what the city does. Councilmember Johnson responded that for as long as he can remember the City has participated in the activity. Councilmember Ogle asked Miss Hosler what other organizations had been approached for funding for the activity. Miss Hosler responded that this was the only group that had been approached. Councilmember Ogle stated the first role of government is not supporting these types of activities. His recommendation is that other organizations be approached first, before coming to the City for funds. Councilmember Johnson commented that he felt the activity was a good thing and he has no problem in donating the funds to it. Councilmember Laws agreed with Councilmember Ogle that the first role of government is not these types of activities. However, he also feels the activity falls within the same realm as fireworks, Santa Claus and other activities of this nature.

Councilmember Lyman moved to donate \$300 to the National Honor Society Easter Egg Hunt. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

B. Capital Improvements List – Jeremy Redd

Mr. Redd explained the CIB projects list 2014-2018 needed council approval. He continued that in order to approach CIB for funding the project must already be on their project list. In regards to the 2013 Sewer project, he will be meeting with consulting engineers to get their thoughts on the project. This would be the only project that the City could request funds for during 2013. CIB Funds are tight and if the project needs to be completed it may have to be done using a loan, which may not be a good idea.

Councilmember Lyman asked if the CDBG is not received would that project be included on the CIB projects list. Mr. Redd responded that the project would most likely be paid for by City funds. It is a much needed project that has been budgeted for.

Councilmember Laws made the motion to accept the 2014-2018 capital projects list. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

7. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. Salt Lake Express Bus Service – Jeremy Redd

Mr. Redd introduced Kathy Pope from Salt Lake Express Bus Service. Ms. Pope gave a history of the bus service and the variety of routes currently available. A UDOT study showed where there were large gaps in the service to rural areas. From that information the route from Salt Lake to Blanding was moved to a prioritized route. Salt Lake Express Bus Service was awarded the bid to serve this rural route. The current cost for a one way trip from Blanding to Salt Lake is \$35 to \$40. There are two different schedules available. Reservations are done on-line twenty-four hours a day or by phone. Stops will only be made where reservations are made. Mayor Turk asked how many seats were on the bus. Ms. Pope, responded that the route will start with a 16 passenger van. Mayor Turk commented that the ticket is cheaper than the cost of parking at the airport. The stop in Blanding will be at the Canyon Country Chevron station. Chief Bayles asked if the route will be run regardless of whether there is a reservation or not. Ms. Pope answered that yes the route will be driven because a reservation may come in as they are making their way through the route. Chief Bayles asked if drivers could take a payment. Ms. Pope answered yes. She then continued that drivers will be notified of any reservations that come as they are moving along the route. Mayor Turk asked if there was a charge for luggage. Each passenger will be allowed two suitcases and a carry on. Anything over that will be charged. Ms. Pope then shared that in the case of a handicapped individual a 24 hour reservation will be needed to ensure the bus coming was handicap accessible. Mayor Turk commented

that the service will be a great opportunity for the community. Councilmember Ogle asked if the bus service would be promoting the area in their advertising. Ms. Pope responded that information about the area would be included on the company's webpage and on the bus. The webpage is www.expressutah.com. April 1, 2013 is the projected start date for the service.

8. **INFORMATION**

A. Budget Planning Retreat – February 12th & 19th

Mr. Redd reminded council of the budget retreat that is being held in February.

B. Sage Grouse Meeting

Councilmember Laws announced that Ken Salazar is stepping down from his position as Secretary of the Interior. No word of who his replacement might be.

Councilmember Laws then shared information about the current plan to release the sage grouse into areas around Monticello. A meeting is currently scheduled for February 7 at 5:00 at the Monticello High School. He recommends a letter voicing the city's opposition be written and sent. The release of these birds could have a large affect on the area and our abilities to farm, ranch, drill etc. Mayor Turk asked if there was a county commissioner that is supporting this. Councilmember Laws responded that the commission is fighting the release of the birds. Councilmember Johnson posed the question of whether this was a ploy by the opposition to get the gas and oil business shut down. The sage grouse is listed as an endangered species.

Councilmember Lyman announced that a Sage Brush coalition meeting was going to be held on February 6th at 6:00 p.m. in Monticello at the commission chambers. He encourages everyone to attend. The meeting is being held to bring up opposition to the sage grouse.

9. **Councilmember Johnson moved to retire to Executive Session. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Mayor and Council retired to executive session at 8:14 p.m.

10. **Councilmember Lyman moved to return to Regular Session. Councilmember Ogle seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Mayor and Council returned to regular session at 8:40 p.m.

11. **Councilmember Johnson moved to adjourn. Councilmember Ogle seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE


**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

By  _____
Kim Palmer, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
JANUARY 8, 2013
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor: Toni Turk
City Councilmembers: David Johnson
Joe B Lyman
Robert Ogle
Charlie Taylor
City Administrator: Jeremy Redd
Finance Director: Kim Palmer
Police Chief: Lyle Bayles
Community Development Director: Bret Hosler
City Engineer: Terry Ekker
General Services Director: Jeff Black

Council Members excused: Kelly Laws

Others Present: Bill Haven, Scott Young, Bill Boyle

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Charlie Taylor.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Lyman moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the December 11, 2012 meeting, with the following change on page 6, paragraph 3. Remove the word "in". Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Taylor**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

3. **OPEN FORUM**

A. There were no comments from the public.

4. **REPORTS/DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

A. Mr. Ekker presented the December 2012 Natural Gas and Water Reports. He commented that natural

gas usage was up compared to 2011.

B. Mr. Ekker presented the December 2012 Water Report. He commented there has not been a lot of change from last month. The average precipitation from November – January 1st was at 81%. There are currently 20 inches of snow at Camp Jackson.

C. Chief Bayles presented the December 2012 Police Report.

D. Mr. Redd presented the December 2012 Fire Report. He told council that Craig was ill and could not attend council meeting. Winter fire training would be occurring later in the week in St. George. Pictures of the new fire truck were included in the packet. Craig should be picking up the new truck the first week of February.

E. Mr. Redd presented the December 2012 Recreation Report. Mr. Redd reported that girls volleyball was beginning tonight and that David was participating in that activity. He shared that Wellness Center revenue was up in December. Councilmember Ogle stated that the revenue looks good, but he would still like to see the monthly memberships and also the memberships from the college.

Mr. Redd presented photos of the damage to the walls in the gym at the Wellness Center. The damage has occurred when balls are being over thrown and hit the wall. The current material, which is basically foam board cannot withstand the force from the ball and can be easily damaged by a finger. If a repair is not done the insulation will eventually start flowing from behind the walls. Mr. Redd shared that there is \$18,000.00 in the building maintenance account. The solution is to use some of those dollars to repair those panels and firm up those areas. A bid of \$6,800.00 has been received to repair the problem. Councilmember Johnson stated that the repair needs to be done. He has felt from the beginning that the design was not a good one.

5. ACTION ITEMS

A. Recreation Board Appointments – Mayor Turk

Mayor Turk asked council for Advise and Consent to appoint Mardawn Palmer and Bill Sivert to the recreation board. The council unanimously approved the appointment of both individuals to serve on the recreation board.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. CIB Sewer Project Funding – Jeremy Redd

Mr. Redd reported that funding was received for the CIB sewer project request. The City was granted a \$450,000 30 year loan at 2.5% interest. The project will increase capacity in the 500 So block area of the City. He continued to tell council that while he was at the CIB meeting there were few if any grants given to any of the proposed projects.

B. Blanding City Marketing Plan – Jeremy Redd

Mr. Redd directed council to the letter on page 28 of the packet. He told council that the county economic development office did not give Blanding any funding; however the county commission gave Blanding \$60,000. The commission has requested a letter/document of how those dollars will be spent. The

attached letter will be forwarded to the commission. Mayor Turk asked if the billboard listed in the letter is the same billboard USU has requested to use. Mr. Redd responded that USU has requested to use the billboard south of town. There are two billboards, the City will develop one of the billboards. Councilmember Lyman stated that a full accounting of how the dollars were spent will be required by the commission. Mr. Redd asked council if there were any concerns about how the dollars were planned to be spent. He also commented that the dollars do not have to be spent in the order they are listed in the letter, only that the dollars must be spent under TRT guidelines.

C. Wild Fire Protection Plan – Jeremy Redd

Mr. Redd told council that Craig Stanley will be participating in the development of the wild fire plan by sitting on the committee. Councilmember Lyman asked if the plan would require the City to participate in fire control in the areas outlined on the map. Mr. Redd responded that he could not answer that question, but suggested Craig be invited to keep council informed about the wild fire plans.

D. Canyonlands National Monument Letter – Jeremy Redd

Mr. Redd stated that the letter is mostly a symbolic gesture. Councilmember Lyman stated the letter should not just be symbolic because it is coming from the public elected body. The letter will put us on record of making a statement in regards to the Canyonlands National Monument. He then offered the idea of approaching Senator Lee to see if he could get it through to the President using a staffer. Councilmember Ogle commended Mr. Redd on the letter.

7. INFORMATION

A. Veteran's Memorial Website – Law Enforcement – Mayor Turk

Mayor Turk shared that the online memorial now includes law enforcement personnel. Those that are now on there or related to these individuals are now invited to help update and make the information correct. The officers currently listed on the site are deceased. He told council Together We Served has a policy that individuals who are currently serving must enter their information themselves. This policy is in place to protect current officers from not having their information available unless they choose to do so.

B. UDOT Update of Class C Mileage Data – Terry Ekker

Mr. Ekker shared information from the UDOT application on page 32 of the packet. The application is required to receive additional funding for Class C Roads. The current amount of roads qualifying for the funding is 23.46 miles. He then stated that the funding comes from gas taxes.

8. OPEN FORUM

A. There were no comments from the public.

9. Councilmember Lyman moved to retire to Executive Session. Councilmember Ogle seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Taylor

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Mayor and Council retired to executive session at 7:34 p.m.

10. Councilmember Taylor moved to return to Regular Session. Councilmember Ogle seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Taylor

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Mayor and Council returned to regular session at 8:14 p.m.

11. Councilmember Taylor moved to adjourn. Councilmember Ogle seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Taylor

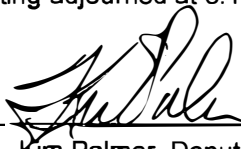
Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

By



Kim Palmer, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
DECEMBER 11, 2012
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

City Councilmembers: David Johnson
Joe B Lyman
Kelly Laws
Robert Ogle
Charlie Taylor

City Administrator: Jeremy Redd

Finance Director: Kim Palmer

Community Development Director: Bret Hosler

City Engineer: Terry Ekker

General Services Manager: Jeff Black

Fire Chief: Craig Stanley

Excused: Mayor Turk and Councilmember Taylor

Others Present: Terri Laws, Nancy Martineau, Carol Brown, Joe F. Lyman, Lynne Shumway, Sharon Smith, Ferd Johnson

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Robert Ogle

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Lyman moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the November 28, 2012 meeting, with the following changes; Include on page three, second paragraph, "the repeat customer could be part of the reduction in numbers" Councilmember Ogle seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tempore Laws repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Johnson**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro Tempore Laws declared the motion carried.

3. **OPEN FORUM**

A. Nancy Martineau came to speak regarding the cook position at the Senior Citizen center. She asked council what was considered a conflict of interest and why Cal Dean was not approved to work at the center during his time off. Mayor Pro Tempore Laws responded to Mrs. Martineau's questions by telling her that he

could not really answer that question because the decision to not approve Cal Dean's request to work at the Senior Citizen center was discussed in an executive session. An in-depth and detailed answer to the question could not be given or he would be putting the City in jeopardy of a lawsuit.

Mrs. Martineau also discussed a culvert on 100 E 200 N. that is near her property. She asked if someone could come and look at the culvert situation. Mayor Pro Tempore and Mr. Redd told Mrs. Martineau someone from the City would look at the culvert and the water issue.

4. **REPORTS/DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

A. Mr. Black presented the November 2012 Natural Gas and Water Reports.

There were no questions from council about the report.

B. Mr. Black presented the November 2012 Water Report.

Councilmember Lyman asked what amount of precipitation would be needed to catch water levels up to normal. Mayor Pro Tempore Laws responded 300% of normal precipitation would be needed. 1984 was the first time Recapture reservoir was full. Mr. Ekker commented that the reservoir was also full in 2004. Mayor Pro Tempore Laws stated that the U.S. drought monitor shows this area at an extreme level. He continued that the La Sal Mountain is at 46% of normal and Camp Jackson is at 33%.

C. Mr. Stanley presented the November 2012 Fire Report.

Mayor Pro Tempore Laws asked Mr. Stanley to talk about the new fire truck. Mr. Stanley told council that the box compartment of the truck is currently being produced. The cab is completed and painted. Mayor Pro Tempore Laws passed on sentiments expressed by community members for the excellent job the fire department did on the fire at the high school. Mr. Stanley shared his appreciation for fire fighters who are not afraid to fight fire. His crew handled the fire inside the school to keep it from spreading, while the Monticello fire crew took the roof and worked to keep it from also spreading. Because of the intensive heat and smoke the crew used their self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA). He continued to tell council that the smoke filled room training was very beneficial in fighting this fire. He also stated that the library had already flashed over before they entered the room, otherwise had it flashed while they were in the room, there could have been some injuries to his crew. Temperatures were between 1200 – 1500 degrees in the corner where the fire was started.

D. Mr. Redd presented the November 2012 Recreation Report.

Mr. Redd gave the recreation report. He shared that revenue at the Wellness Center is down about 9.6%. These numbers are still well above the projected budget amounts. He continued that he has been working with David in generating ideas to increase numbers of participants. Councilmember Johnson asked if the problem of children running free through the building while parents are attending class has been taken care of. Mr. Redd responded that the problem is currently being addressed. Councilmember Lyman commented that children running free through the facility could also be a liability issue. Councilmember Ogle asked if it would be possible for the monthly numbers to be included on the report again. Mr. Redd responded that revenue numbers from the Wellness Center and the monthly recreation numbers will be added to the recreation report.

5. **PUBLIC HEARING -- ATV ORDINANCE CHANGES**

Councilmember Lyman moved to enter a public hearing regarding the ATV ordinance changes. Councilmember Ogle seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tempore Laws repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Johnson**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro Tempore Laws declared the motion carried.

Mr. Redd refreshed council on the history of the ATV policy that last updated in 2008. The proposed changes to the currently policy were redlined in the packet. Mr. Redd stated the new ordinance would state that basically if you are 16 you can drive the ATV on any streets in town except Center Street and Main Street. Joe F. Lyman spoke to ATV ordinance and stated in favor of the changes. He expressed concerns with mothers riding ATVs with their children on with them. He asked if the changes in the ordinance address these types of situations. Mayor Pro Tempore Laws stated that the changes do not make it any easier for law enforcement to enforce the law. Joe F. Lyman questioned why school in session had any bearing on why the policy does not allow riding in that area. Mayor Pro Tempore Laws responded this keeps kids from riding ATV's to school. There is also a safety issue for ATV riders near the school because of extra traffic and younger drivers. The question was raised about what was meant by "in-session". Mayor Pro Tempore responded that he interpreted that to mean August-May, the school year. Lynne Shumway asked if that could be better clarified in the new policy so if there was a need to reroute rides during the ATV Safari they could do so. Sharon Smith commented in favor of the policy. She voiced her concern with the ATV traffic on her street (400 West 700 North area). She stated that most appear to be underage, without helmets and driving at a high speed. Mayor Pro Tempore Laws spoke in public forum. He voiced his concern with the liability side unaddressed by policy. He has a great concern with who will become liable in the event an ATV collides with a vehicle and ATV operator is at fault. He questioned why Blanding City's policy cannot give law enforcement the permission to stop ATV riders that they feel could be under age, even if there is no probable cause to do so. Councilmember Johnson suggested that idea be reviewed by the attorney. Mayor Pro Tempore Laws stated in his opinion the policy is not ready to be placed on the agenda as an action item. Council gave direction for Mr. Redd to check on the legality of whether an officer can stop without probable cause, if it is included in City policy. Joe F. Lyman commented that liability is a definite issue. In other states you have to carry liability insurance on your ATV.

Councilmember Johnson moved to leave the public hearing and return to regular session. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tempore Laws repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Lyman

**Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Johnson**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro Tempore Laws declared the motion carried.

6. ACTION ITEMS

A. CNHA Agreement

Mr. Redd recommended continuing the agreement with CNHA with the proposed changes. Councilmember Ogle voiced his concern about what CNHA is going to do to increase sales at the Visitor Center. He would like CNHA to come to council and tell what they are going to do to increase sales. Councilmember Lyman stated was pleased with the response given by Mr. Lyman in regards to this question at last council meeting. He reminded council that Mr. Lyman had told council that CNHA is changing and working with Visitor Center staff on product selection. He doesn't have any concern with what is happening in this area. Councilmember Johnson said it will be interesting to see how the Veterans Memorial affects visitation at the center. Mayor Pro Tempore Laws invited Lynne Shumway to participate in the discussion. Mrs. Shumway shared details about the banner that has been given to the center to be displayed. A sandwich sign has also been donated by the museum that can be placed out closer to the main road. Mrs. Shumway told council that Blanding is not currently a destination for tourists. Mrs. Shumway told council she is the only employee at the center who is also an employee of CNHA. CNHA sends individuals to marketing conventions and work hard to promote the Blanding Visitor Center. She feels the partnership is important to the center, because it could not function on its own.

Mayor Pro Tempore Laws asked when the deadline was for getting the contract signed. Mr. Redd answered that the current contract ends at the end of the year. Mayor Pro Tempore suggested inviting CNHA to come and meet with council regarding the Visitor Center. Mr. Redd will make arrangements for CNHA to attend council meeting in the near future.

Councilmember Johnson moved to approve the contract with Canyonlands Natural History Association at the Blanding Visitor Center. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tempore Laws repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Johnson**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro Tempore Laws declared the motion carried.

B.2013 City Council Meeting Schedule

Councilmember Johnson moved to approve the 2013 City Council Meeting Schedule.

Councilmember Ogle seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tempore Laws repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Johnson**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro Tempore Laws declared the motion carried.

C. 2013 City Holiday Schedule

Councilmember Ogle moved to approve the 2013 City Holiday Schedule. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tempore Laws repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Johnson**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro Tempore Laws declared the motion carried.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Meter Reading Policy – Resolution No. 2009-12

Mr. Redd reviewed the meter reading policy/resolution that was passed in 2009. He told council that until now the policy has been difficult to enforce. With the new auto read meters and the auto read guns the policy can and will be enforced. Councilmember Johnson asked what procedure was taken when a resident was in violation of code. Mr. Redd responded that at the point that a code violation exists the City will strongly encourage the residence be updated to meet code. The city participates in offering a \$150 credit for upgrading. Councilmember Johnson stated to council that in the future there will be a need to discuss what is going to occur when the electrical system is upgraded. Mr. Redd then reported that 400 meters have been purchased with a cost of approximately \$40 per meter. Water meters are more expensive costing close to a \$100 per meter. Gas meters are going to be about \$60 per meter. Pro Tempore Laws asked if the majority of citizens are allowing access to their meters, why meters are being provided to those that don't. The policy states that residents who do not want meter readers in their yard or who do not make meters accessible, will pay for the auto read meters. Councilmember Lyman suggested that meter replacements work much like the

curb and gutter resident participation policy. Residents can partner with the city in acquiring meter replacements sooner than the City has scheduled. Those that don't want to partner will have to wait until they come up on the City replacement list. Mayor Pro Tempore Laws asked if a schedule has been designed in replacing meters or if the meters would just be replaced "helter-skelter". Mr. Redd responded that the current plan is to replace the meters in the outer areas of the city. This will reduce the number of meters needing to be read in those areas and the time taken to read them. Councilmember Lyman asked what about those meters that cannot be accessed. There will be a \$50 fine charged to those accounts for each month the meter cannot be accessed. Those residents can pay for an auto read meter be installed to avoid these fines.

8. INFORMATION

A. Canyonlands National Monument Letter

Mr. Redd told council that the letter at the back of their packet was sent to the President in opposition to National Monuments in the state of Utah. The letter was signed by Utah Congress members and Senators, with the exception of Jim Matheson.

9. OPEN FORUM

Sharon Smith shared that a petition movement has been started throughout the state in regards to the proposed Canyonlands National Monument. Mr. Redd suggested the council write a letter in regarding the monument.

10. Executive Session

Councilmember Johnson moved to adjourn to Executive Session. Councilmember Ogle seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tempore Laws repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Johnson**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro Tempore Laws declared the motion carried.

Council adjourned to an Executive Session at 8:17 p.m.

Councilmember Lyman moved to leave the Executive Session. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tempore Laws repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws**

**Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Johnson**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro Tempore Laws declared the motion carried.

Council returned to regular session at 9:00 p.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Lyman moved to adjourn. Councilmember Ogle seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tempore Laws repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Johnson**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro Tempore Laws declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
NOVEMBER 27, 2012
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor: Toni Turk
City Councilmembers: David Johnson
Joe B Lyman
Kelly Laws
Robert Ogle
Charlie Taylor
City Administrator: Jeremy Redd
Finance Director: Kim Palmer
Police Chief: Lyle Bayles
General Services Director: Jeff Black
Community Development Director: Bret Hosler
Fire Chief: Craig Stanley

Others Present: Terri Laws, Harold Lyman, Will Walker, Holly Walker, Jeffrey Walker, Jessica Walker, Bill Boyle

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Jeremy Redd.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Lyman moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the November 13, 2012 meeting, Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Taylor**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

3. **OPEN FORUM**
 - A. There were no comments from the public.

4. **REPORTS/DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

A. Project Status Report – Jeremy Redd

Mr. Redd gave the status report on the city waterline project. He reported that Johansen Construction has begun work on the project.

Mr. Redd reported that the Veterans Memorial online portion is up, running and accessible to the public through the city webpage. He reminded council that the physical portion of the project is scheduled to be completed by Memorial Day 2013.

Mr. Redd reported that the automated meter guns have arrived and are being implemented. Auto meters will be placed at locations that are inaccessible for a variety of reasons. Meters will also be made available to those citizens desiring them on their homes for a minimal cost.

5. **ACTION ITEMS**

A. Justice Court Judge Appointment – Mayor Turk

Mayor Turk asked council for an advice and consent on the appointment of Will Walker as Blanding City's judicial court judge. Council unanimously responded by giving the advice and consent. Mr. Walker told those in attendance that he will give his whole heart to the position, just as he has in everything else he has ever done. He loves Blanding. Mayor Turk congratulated Mr. Walker on the position. Mr. Walker will be sworn into office at a later date and begin in January.

B. Deed of Frontage Property to Recapture Real Estate – Jeremy Redd

Mr. Redd refreshed council on the situation that was discussed at the November 13th council meeting. He then requested approval to deed 36 feet of property to Recapture Real Estate. This will leave 10 feet of frontage for the City. The deeded property will be the entire length of the block. The question was asked if the new credit union would cover the length of the block. Mr. Redd responded no, the credit union is being constructed on the southeast corner of the property. Councilmember Ogle asked if the location of the credit union would affect the ability of life flight to land. Mr. Redd responded the entrance to the business will be on 200 West and parking will be behind the building to avoid any conflict with life flight.

Councilmember Lyman moved to deed 36 feet of property to Recapture Real Estate. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Mayor Turk asked if there was any discussion. Mayor Turk asked for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE:

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Ogle**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

6. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. CNHA Agreement – Visitor Center – Jeremy Redd

Mr. Redd told council it was time to renew the visitor center's contract with Canyonlands Natural History Association (CNHA). The contract is a two-year contract. Mr. Redd shared that the visitor center is filled with CNHA materials and the city receives 22.5% from the sales. The new contract will drop the percentage to 20% for the next two years. Mr. Lyman shared the following visitation numbers and sales figures for the past four years:

Visitation – Year	#'s		Sales - Year	\$'s
2011	26,732		2011	47,828
2010	28,113		2010	49,938
2009	32,637		2009	56,416
2008	32,130		2008	52,432

It was noted that visitation has dropped by 6000 visitors per year over the past four years and sales have declined by 27 percent. Councilmember Lyman suggested that part of the reduction in numbers may be to the lack of repeat customers. He then stated that most visitors are not purchasing materials because they are using their money for gas and lodging. He pointed out that the Blanding Visitor Center numbers are above the industry average. Councilmember Ogle expressed concern over the loss of money over the past 5 years. He also asked who was meeting with CNHA. Mr. Lyman responded that CNHA monitors the sales and works closely with the visitor center in providing appealing materials. Councilmember Ogle asked if it would be worth exploring the option of asking local businesses to provide product for the visitor center. This option has been discussed and considered before. Harold commented we do not want to compete with our local businesses. Mayor Turk asked Mr. Lyman what his thoughts and feelings were on opening on Sunday. Mr. Lyman responded that he was not in favor of opening, unless the council requests it. Mayor Turk questioned if there was adequate signage to let people know the center is there. It appears the signage is obscured by the trees along the curb, making it not as visible to those driving by. Bret commented that there are state signs at both ends of town. It was discussed that the new veteran's memorial will be visible from the roadside and may draw some curiosity and bring those individuals in.

B. Forest Service – Blue Mtn Pipeline Project – Jeremy Redd

Mr. Redd reported that the Forest Service approved the project. He shared some of the highlights from the Decision Memo supplied by the Forest Service on the project, including:

- An Archeological site is located along the area where the pipeline will be placed. The exact location has not been disclosed. To protect the site the contractor will be required to fence the site.
- There has been a sensitive species identified along the location of the pipeline. The species has been identified as the Goshawk. There will be no construction activity along a designated area of the pipeline between March 15th and May 15th so these birds can hatch their eggs. The site will be monitored during the spring and summer. If no nesting activity is observed, construction will be allowed to resume/start with no wildlife restrictions after May 15th. If nesting activity is observed, no construction will be allowed in this location after May 15th and until the Forest Service Biologist determines there is no impact to the nesting pair or their fledglings; most likely in August or September.

Mr. Redd stated that we have the choice to either push forward hoping we don't encounter a problem with the birds or urge the Forest Service to reduce this requirement. There is also the chance the birds could move into another location that also impacts the project. Mr. Lyman pointed out the project could be shut down until the birds move out. Councilmember Ogle asked if there is any photographic evidence the birds are actually in the location.

Councilmember Laws pointed out that according to the document the trans-mountain diversion from Indian Creek will be shut down during the construction. This will reduce the amount of water coming into the city. Mr. Redd reminded council that the document is not an agreement but instructions from the Forest Service for the project. He told council he will continue to work with the Forest Service and express the concerns found in the document.

C. City Cleanup – Joe Lyman

Councilmember Lyman shared ideas that were generated at the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting regarding a City Cleanup Day. The commission suggested that the city include a one-time free usage for the city transfer station in each city bill. The concern of photo-copying the certificate was expressed and the idea was dropped. Council members were in agreement that it would be more beneficial to offer free services to groups that are working to provide a united service to the community, rather than offer a free service to each individual customer.

7. **INFORMATION**

A. City Christmas Party – December 10 – 6:00 p.m. – Arts & Events Center – Jeremy Redd
Mr. Redd reminded council of the Christmas party scheduled for December 10th.

B. Councilmember Laws shared an experience he had with a former city employee. 40 years ago this individual worked for Blanding as a teenager. He told councilmember Laws that at the time he had been over paid \$75 on one of his checks. At the time he never acknowledged or reported the error but chose to keep the money. The incident has bothered him for 40 years and now he wants to repay the city for the money he had taken then. He gave Councilmember Laws an envelope with a \$100 bill. It was suggested the story and \$100 bill be displayed in the office.

8. **OPEN FORUM**

A. None

9. **Councilmember Taylor moved to adjourn. Councilmember Ogle seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Taylor**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

By



Kim Palmer, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
OCTOBER 23, 2012
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor: Toni Turk
City Councilmembers: David Johnson
Joe B Lyman
Kelly Laws
Robert Ogle
Charlie Taylor
City Administrator: Jeremy Redd
Finance Director: Kim Palmer
Police Chief: Lyle Bayles
General Services Director: Jeff Black
Community Development Director: Bret Hosler
City Engineer: Terry Ekker

Others Present: Alton Pugh, Garth Wilson, Steve Black, Calvin Hunt, Arlin Henderson

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by David Johnson

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Lyman moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the October 9, 2012 meeting. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Taylor**

**Those voting NAY
Those Abstaining**

**NONE
Councilmember David Johnson**

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

3. **Open Forum**

A. USU – Blanding – Billboard south of town

Alton Chamberlain, Recruiter and Garth Wilson, Student Services Director from the USU Blanding Campus approached the council regarding the billboard south of town. Mr. Wilson shared a flyer that has been developed into a billboard for the north end of town. USU Blanding is tied for third in the nation of community colleges. This was in an article in CNN Money. Mr. Wilson told the council that the success of the college

is in large part due to the community. Many of the individuals that visit the college are intrigued with the community and the idea that Blanding does not sell alcohol. Mr. Wilson shared that there has only been one incident this year of alcohol, a claim that cannot be made by many other schools.

There have been a total of 3200 graduates at USU Blanding.

Mr. Wilson made a request that USU partner with the city on the billboard south of town. The school is willing to pay for the cost of repairs to the billboard and the cost of making the sign. The sign has yet to be designed but the final design will be agreed upon by the city and by the college. It would recognize both entities.

The second request was permission to hang pole banners on the light poles on Main Street during special events on campus. Special events such as registration, first week of school and graduation were suggested. The school will cover all costs and hang and remove the banners.

Councilmember Lyman asked what the other requests have been made for the billboard south of town. Mr. Redd responded that the only request he has received was from Scenic Aviation to remove their information from the sign. Mr. Redd stated the only downside he could see would be that if USU uses the sign the city would not be able to use it for anything else. The Mayor asked if the two entities could come together and partner on the billboard. He continued that he feels this is something that the council should consider. Councilmember Lyman offered to bring the proposal back to council and work with USU.

Alton Chamberlain shared information with council about the new minor-degree coming to the College. The hospitality and tourism minor will be available Fall 2013. He invited council members and city administration to attend a luncheon at Noon, on November 29th to meet the new hospitality and tourism instructor.

B. Chief Bayles shared that the DARE program will no longer be offered at the elementary school. Anyone having questions should contact him.

C. Calvin Hunt approached the council about the conversation he had with Thomas Heinlein at the BLM meeting held on September 4th. To ensure his written statement was accurate, Mr. Hunt had reviewed the meeting recording. He read the statement he had written. Councilmember Lyman remembered the same statement made by Mr. Heinlein. Mr. Hunt stated he enjoyed the BLM meeting and admired council for the manner in which they handled it. To ensure accuracy of Mr. Hunts statement, a copy of it will be included with these council minutes.

4. **Discussion Items**

A. Deed Restriction Removal – Bret Hosler

Mr. Hosler shared the background surrounding the land being discussed. In 1993 the City traded land it owned on the southwest corner of the Dinosaur Museum block for land it owned on the north, east and west

of the museum. When the trade was initiated deed restrictions were placed on both pieces. The restriction stated: "Deed area is restricted to the use of the Dinosaur Museum or the title reverts to the City of Blanding". This piece of land has since been transferred to Recapture Real Estate from the Dinosaur Museum. Recapture Real Estate is in the process of designing and constructing a new building for the San Juan Credit Union. The removal of the restrictions will allow Recapture Real Estate to construct the new San Juan Credit Union. Mr. Ekker shared that Jeff and his crew have been down to see where the utilities are located but there would still be a need to assess how much property would be needed for the utilities. At this point he doesn't see any problems with the request to release the restrictions. Mr. Redd recommended the City keep only what is needed for the utility right-of-way and deed the rest to Recapture Real Estate for the project. Mayor Turk asked if a project review has been completed. Mr. Ekker responded that he needed to see the plans and plot plan before the review can be completed. Councilman Laws asked if Recapture Real Estate is a taxing entity. The response was yes.

The restriction placed on the land acquired by Blanding City in the 1993 trade, states that if the city did not use the traded land for streets the deed will revert back to the Dinosaur Museum. Councilmember Ogle asked if the Dinosaur Museum will agree to the release of the restriction on the land the City acquired in the trade. Steve Black responded that when he spoke to Sylvia Czerkas, she didn't seem too excited about the idea at this point. Mr. Redd stated he will work with Sylvia through any questions or issues she may have with the release of the restrictions.

B. UAMPS — San Juan 3 Power Plant — Jeremy Redd

Mr. Redd shared information he has learned about the coal fired power plants. It appears that California will stop using power that is made using coal due to a restriction placed on this type of power. As a result, California is willing to give away the infrastructure and sell coal power at 4 1/2 cents per kilowatt. That would be a large savings to the City, who currently pays 5 1/2 - 6 cents per kilowatt. Mr. Redd concluded by reminding council that this is just a preliminary discussion at this point.

C. Recapture Canyon — Councilmember Lyman

Councilmember Lyman distributed a document he received from the BLM regarding Recapture Canyon. He requested a letter be written in response to the documents. This response is due on October 30. He is requesting support from fellow council members to write the letter. He also shared a "rough" draft letter he has written for their review. The council agreed a letter of response is necessary. Jeremy will work with Councilmember Lyman on a letter of response to the BLM.

5. **Information**

A. Pre-qualified Bidders — Mountain Pipeline — Terry Ekker

Mr. Ekker reported that 16 contractors have sent in statements of qualification for the project. Eleven have been deemed prequalified for the project bidding process. Upon completion of prequalifying the contractors and when the final design is complete, bids will be requested from those prequalified contractors. Mr. Ekker will notify council of the contractors that have been prequalified.

B. Mayor Turk asked Mr. Redd for an update on the recruiting process for the open judge position. Mr. Redd

responded that a selection panel of five has been chosen. There applicants currently being reviewed for the position. On November 8th the selection committee will meet with the applicants. At the end of the selection process three finalists will be given to the Mayor and he will then recommend one individual to the council for approval.

C. Mayor Turk asked if the CIB presentation for the sewer project has been scheduled. Mr. Redd responded that it has not been scheduled yet.

D. Councilmember Laws told council that an additional \$100,000 will be coming from the transportation district in addition to the \$25,000 for B road maintenance. He has requested \$350,000 for next year's projects. He requested that Mr. Redd or Mr. Ekker begin attending the transportation meetings. Jeremy responded that he plans to attend.

6. **Councilmember Lyman moved to adjourn to an executive session. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Taylor**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Council adjourned to a closed session at 8:08pm

7. **Councilmember Lyman moved to return to regular session. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Taylor**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Council left the closed session and returned to a regular session at 8:47p.m.

8. **Councilmember Johnson moved to adjourn. Councilmember Ogle seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Taylor**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

By _____
Kim V. Palmer, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
October 9, 2012
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor: Toni Turk
City Councilmembers: Joe B Lyman
Robert Ogle
Charlie Taylor
Finance Director: Kim Palmer
City Engineer: Terry Ekker
Police Chief: Lyle Bayles
General Services Director: Jeff Black
Community Development Director: Bret Hosler
Fire Chief: Craig Stanley

Absent:

City Councilmembers: David Johnson
Kelly Laws
City Manager: Jeremy Redd

Others Present: Neil Joslin

Meet was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Turk

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Councilmember Joe B. Lyman

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Lyman moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the September 25, 2012 meeting. Councilmember Ogle seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Taylor**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

3. Open Forum – There were no comments from the public.

4. Reports/Departmental Reports

A. September 2012 Natural Gas Report – Jeff Black

Councilmember Ogle asked why there was an increase in natural gas use over the month. Terry responded that there has been an increase in connections, which would account for the increase in numbers.

B. September 2012 Water Report – Jeff Black

No questions or comments.

C. September 2012 Police Report – Chief Lyle Bayles

No questions or comments.

D. September 2012 Fire Report – Craig Stanley

Craig reported that September had been a slow month.

E. September 2012 Recreation Report

David was not able to attend the meeting. Council is requesting a monthly status report along with the current annual report. Councilmember Taylor asked if there were any leads on the graffiti at the skate park. Lyle responded that there have been no real good leads. The park is still closed at this time. Mayor Turk commented that he had spoken with a young man who has offered to clean up the graffiti in order to get the park opened.

5. Project Status Report – Terry Ekker

A. Starvation Reservoir Lining Project

The project is finalized.

B. Blanding 2012 Waterline Projects

Contractor has scheduled to mobilize the first crew on October 29, 2012

C. 2012 Chip Seal Project

Project has been finalized.

D. 12" Mountain Line Replacement

Mandatory prequalification meeting for the project will be October 10, 2012. Pre-qualification proposals are due on October 18, 2012. Terry told council there were currently 22 contractors with packets. He is expecting a large number attending the meeting on Wednesday.

E. Blanding 2013 Waterline Project

Design is at 20%. Schedule is for construction in the 2013 season.

F. Veterans Memorial

Terry shared that the website will be ready for release to the community on Veterans Day. Mayor added that he has been busy scanning in photos. He has learned some interesting stories about these veterans.

G. Power Master Plan

Terry reported that he and Jeff have met and completed the scope of work. They will be meeting with others to finalize the scope. At that point an RFP for engineers will be available and bids will be taken for the power

master plan. The RFP will include detailed instructions of what will be expected from the engineer that is awarded the bid.

H. Automated Meter Reading Program

The new guns (data collectors) and software have been ordered. There will be initially 50 power, water and gas services on the new program. Those will be selected based on how difficult it is to read the meters.

The question was asked of what the cost to citizens would be for the meters. Terry responded there is no cost unless the citizen requests the meter be installed.

6. ATV Ordinance – Councilmember Charlie Taylor

Councilmember Taylor shared that county ATV policy opens all roads for ATV use. Unlicensed drivers can drive on county roads. He then pointed out that the way the city ATV policy is written is essentially unenforceable for local police. Lyle stated that there has to be probable cause to stop, which is difficult most times. Mayor asked if drivers are under driver's license age do you stop them. Lyle, yes, if we can tell they are underage. If the drivers are underage one of three things can happen; the parents are called; they walk home leaving the ATV or they are just sent home. Councilmember Taylor questioned whether the city policy should be rewritten to allow individuals to ride their ATV on city streets, with the exception of Main Street? He asked council to review the policy and see if they see changes that need to be made to the policy. Mayor reminded everyone that the policy would have to come back to council as a motion, with the suggested ordinance changes. Councilmember Taylor stated he would like to see the policy more reflective of what is happening. He also stated there will still be the need for restrictions for underage riders. Mayor suggested Councilmember Taylor work with City administration to rewrite the policy and make the changes he is recommending.

7. Information – There was no information

8. Open Forum – There were no comments from the public

9. **Councilmember Taylor moved to adjourn. Councilmember Ogle seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Taylor**

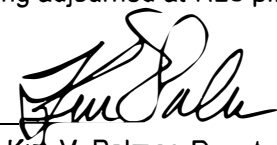
Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

By _____



Kim V. Palmer, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
SEPTEMBER 25, 2012
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor: Toni Turk
City Councilmembers: David Johnson
Joe B Lyman
Kelly Laws
Robert Ogle
City Administrator: Jeremy Redd
Finance Director: Kim Palmer
Police Chief: Lyle Bayles
General Services Director: Jeff Black
Community Development Director: Bret Hosler
City Engineer: Terry Ekker

Absent:

City Councilmembers: Charlie Taylor

Others Present: Terri Laws, Arlene Lyman, Bob and Joan Hosler

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Mayor Turk

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Johnson moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the September 11, 2012 meeting. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Johnson**

**Those voting NAY
Those Abstaining**

**NONE
Councilmember Lyman**

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

3. **Open Forum**

A. Blanding Legacy Trust – Veterans Memorial Donation

Legacy Trust President, Bret Hosler and Treasurer Arlene Lyman presented Mayor Turk with a Veterans Memorial donation in the amount of \$4000.00.

4. **Public Hearing**

Councilmember Lyman moved to enter a public hearing regarding the CIB Sewer Request – Sewer Project on 200 South 300 West. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Ogle**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Jeremy directed council to the cost estimates in the packet for the sewer project. With the addition of the Grayson apartment complex the area is in need of an upgrade to the area. The intention is to approach CIB for a 50 percentage loan/grant funding. Jeremy also told council that CIB has not typically been approached for sewer funding in the past by the city. Councilmember Lyman asked what the balance was in the sewer account. Jeremy responded there is about \$400,000. He continued that the intent is not to spend this money on the sewer project. Mayor Turk suggested that Jeremy share the intended proposal with local CIB board members Bruce Adams and Steve Simpson prior the CIB presentation on the project. Terry told council members that tax payer sewer funds are being spent on city sewer projects. This information will also be shared with the CIB board. The CIB presentation will be scheduled sometime in November, December or January, after the application is accepted by the board.

Councilmember Lyman moved to leave the public hearing regarding the CIB Sewer Request – Sewer Project on 200 South 300 West. Councilmember Ogle seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Ogle**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Councilmember Lyman moved to approve the revision to the May 24, 2011 minutes to include language adding the advise and consent for a city motto. Councilmember Ogle seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, Mayor Turk carried for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Ogle**

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

2. Veterans Memorial – Mayor Turk

Mayor Turk gave a presentation on the website, www.togetherweserved.com, that will be included in the veterans memorial. He showed council the different aspects and parts to the website. He told council that the website will allow families and others to share stories about the veterans included on the site. The families of the soldiers included on the site will have a chance to control the information shared on the site. Robert Turk will be the Blanding site administrator. He is a former service member. Councilmember Johnson asked if the families would have to build the site for their veteran. Mayor Turk responded that the site will have all the basic information added for them. He then told council that the city is working with Ray Palmer to have access to his veterans photo collection for the project. The Blanding site will include all service members from San Juan County and also law enforcement personnel.

3. UAMPS Risk Management Policy - Jeremy

Jeremy told council that the UAMPS risk management policy will allow the city to make power purchases. Currently Kay Johnson makes these purchases for the city. The policy will allow Jeremy to be a backup to Kay, when he is unavailable. He reminded council that power is being purchased through the exchange, which Kay monitors daily. The power exchange works much like the stock exchange. Jeremy states that Kay has told him that approximately \$128,000 has been saved using this exchange. The policy only requires a signature from the mayor and an action item is not necessary for it. There is no expiration date on the policy.

4. TRT Meeting Report – Jeremy

Jeremy shared the information about the TRT meeting that was held on Sept 18 at the city office. A summary of the results from the meeting are included in the packet. Individuals that attended included Blanding tourism council, councilmember Ogle and other business owners. The group discussed marketing ideas for the Blanding area. The consensus from the group was archeological items should be marketed. The group discussed the amounts to be requested from county TRT funds for 2013 budget. The list includes:

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\$25,000 – Blanding Visitor Center

\$10,000 – Blanding 4th of July Celebration

\$10,000 – Additional Fall Event – To coincide with the San Juan ATV Safan

\$5,000 – Renew City Billboard South of Blanding with updated marketing information

\$10,000 – Trail System and Archaeological Area Mapping and Development

\$30,000 – Local Marketing Efforts – including web development and marketing of trail systems and ruin locations.

Total amount: \$90,000

One concern discussed at the meeting was that when people come to Blanding they are not sure where to go. Mapping would be one way to reduce this problem. Partnering with the BLM and forest service would be necessary in building these maps. Mayor Turk asked if the County Tourism Council makes the final decision on where the funding will go. Jeremy responded that originally, the commissioners could approve this request. However, the decision will most likely go to the county travel council with input from the county commissioners. Councilman Lyman stated that the county commission has oversight over county travel council. Jeremy, noted that the information he has brought is not set in stone, and brought to council as an information item. He then asked how the council would like him to proceed at this point. Councilmember Ogle who had also attended the meeting shared information about an article that has been written about the area by a New Mexico travel magazine. The magazine has done a full article on the Blanding area. Mayor Turk asked if council had any thoughts or comments. The council supports the ideas discussed at the TRT Meeting and asked Jeremy to continue working in this direction.

5. **County Roads/Trail Systems – Councilmember Lyman**

Councilmember Lyman reported that the BLM has asked for a list of trails and roads that are not on their current maps. Mayor Turk asked if there was any danger of sharing what those roads were.

Councilmember Laws responded that any road that was given to them will be closed. He feels that the BLM wants to close the road and then fight the battle to open them or leave them closed. Jeremy stated his understanding was that they were not closed or open. Joe Finn Lyman was in attendance and shared the information he has gathered on county road issues. There was some different understanding in regards to what was meant by the comments made by the BLM at the meeting held earlier in September. Jeremy will contact the BLM for further clarification on comments made at the earlier meeting. Councilmember Ogle shared that at the BLM meeting, Shelly had stated, "We are not currently evaluating any roads to close."

The consensus from the council was that the city should be working with the county on road issues and not through the BLM office. Jeremy asked who the county individual was that we should work with.

Councilmember Lyman responded, John Fellmeth. John is currently working on putting together the information for the county road plan. Mayor Turk asked if the Recapture Trail was on that plan.

Councilmember Lyman responded, yes, it was on the plan. Jeremy will contact John Fellmeth also.

6. **Navajo Transit Authority Buses – Jeremy**
Jeremy shared information from a meeting he attended about the Navajo Transit buses (NTAB) in Bluff recently. NTAB has funding to set up four bus stops, in Blanding. The city would have to install and maintain the locations. Councilmember Laws reminded council that the discussion has been held with the NTAB regarding these stops. The question was raised about who would maintain these stops. He feels that there will be city costs and the city will ultimately subsidize the stops. Jeremy commented that the stops would add visibility for NTAB. Councilmember Laws stated he doesn't see a problem with the busses coming, but rather with the expense of maintaining them. The question was asked of how the businesses that currently provide a stop area are affected, whether positively or negatively. Councilmember Ogle stated there is no benefit of the stop at the store where he is employed. Four to five individuals come into the store and wait for the bus, but do no shopping. There is no economic value to having the bus stop. The consensus of council was to allow signs to be put out, but no benches will be allowed at the stops.
7. **Legacy Trust Discussion/Appoint Board Member – Bret Hosler**
Bret updated the council on what the trust has been doing with its funds and the projects it has assisted with. He shared a document that gives detailed information on the projects and grants that have been awarded since 2006. Bret stated that there is a 50% match required for all projects. The Legacy Trust is designed to have a five member board. There is currently a need to fill a vacant board member slot. Mayor Turk reminded council that all the dollars in the trust have come from Blanding community members. One of the values of the Legacy Trust to the city is the niche it plays in the city. As the city seek funding/grants from philanthropist organizations, there is a need to show the types of "community foundations" located in the city. The Legacy trust is one of those organizations that meets that request. Mayor asked if there were any comments from the council before he asked for the advise and consent to appoint Gail Northern to the Legacy Trust board. Councilmember Lyman stated that he feels Gail would be a great addition to the board. And he likes that this is a community foundation, with volunteer donations. Advise and consent was given to appoint Gail Johnson to the board.
8. **Information**
There was no additional information
9. **Councilmember Lyman moved to adjourn to an executive session. Councilmember Ogle. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

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Council adjourned to a closed session at 8:25pm

10. **Councilmember Lyman moved to return to regular session. Councilmember Ogle seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Ogle
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Council left an executive session and returned to a regular session at 8:47p.m.

15. **Councilmember Johnson moved to adjourn. Councilmember Ogle seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

By



Kim V. Palmer, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
SEPTEMBER 11, 2012
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:	Mayor:	Toni Turk
	City Councilmembers:	David Johnson
		Kelly Laws
		Robert Ogle
		Charlie Taylor
	Finance Director:	Kim Palmer
	City Clerk:	Lisa Rarick
	General Services Director:	Jeff Black
	City Engineer:	Terry Ekker
	Police Chief:	Lyle Bayles

Absent:	City Councilmember:	Joe B. Lyman
	City Administrator:	Jeremy Redd
	Community Development Director:	Bret Hosler

Others Present: Terri Laws.

Prayer/Thought – The prayer/thought was offered by Robert Ogle.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Laws moved to approve the consent agenda, minutes, and financial disbursements of the August 28, 2012 meeting. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those Voting Aye:	Councilmember Johnson
	Councilmember Laws
	Councilmember Ogle
	Councilmember Taylor

Those Voting Nay:	None
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Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

3. Open Forum – No comments were given.
4. Jeff Black presented the August 2012 Natural Gas and Water Reports. Councilmember Ogle asked about the reliability of the natural gas report. In July there was a 14% spike in usage and in August there was a 57% spike in usage. Terry Ekker said this could be due to when the readings are taken from one month to the next.

Councilmember Johnson asked for an update on the Starvation Reservoir project. Terry Ekker reported it is complete.

Mayor Turk said it appears that the water the Forest Service used earlier this year has not been paid for. They bypassed the City and went to the Water Conservancy District. He advised that Jeremy Redd is checking into the situation and will report when he has information.

Councilmember Laws believes the Water Conservancy District is selling water they don't have. He broke down the water report to show how he thinks this is happening. The Council discussed what recourse the City has regarding this situation. Councilmember Laws feels strongly that once the information has been collected, it should be made public and that letters should be sent to the Forest Service and Water Conservancy District reminding them that money is owed for the water that was used and the bill is accruing interest.

5. Chief Bayles was not present for the August 2012 Police Report. Mayor Turk was concerned about there being a public urination problem.
6. Chief Stanley was not present for the August 2012 Fire Report.
7. David Palmer was not present for the August 2012 Recreation Report because he was overseeing the youth football games. Councilmember Ogle informed Council there is an error on the August report that has been carried over to September. Councilmember Laws asked about the difference in football registrations from last year to this year. The numbers seem to be off. Kim Palmer will relay this information to David Palmer.

Councilmember Taylor would like to pursue the feasibility of day passes for the Wellness Center. Customers could buy a day pass that would allow them to enter the facility multiple times in the same day as opposed to having to buy a one-time pass each time they use the facility in the same day.

8. Mayor Turk updated the Council on the progress of the Veterans Memorial and gave kudos to Kim Palmer for her vision on the interior design. There will be a two part roll out of the memorial. On Veterans Day, November 11, 2012, the online version will be accessible through the City's website. It will allow the user to look up any veteran and get details regarding their military service. The memorial will include metalized pictures for each veteran killed in combat. Kay Shumway will be offering his assistance and expertise with the pictures. The pictures will be family approved, be set out from the wall, and will be accentuated by lighting. In the center of the memorial will be a podium with a book that will include those who died in combat as well as any veteran who died while serving. All Purple Heart recipients will also be recognized. The Visitors Center will have a computer dedicated to the memorial where visitors can look up details on veterans who have ties to the community. The memorial website will be linked to search engines. The Veterans Memorial is scheduled to be completed in May and final dedication on Memorial Day 2013.
9. Chief Bayles arrived after the meeting was already in progress. Mayor Turk asked about the public urination portion of his report. Chief Bayles reported that it does happen, it is illegal, and is a Class C Misdemeanor.
10. Kim Palmer presented the proposed revision of the April 25, 2011 minutes. Harold Lyman had proposed a new City motto at that meeting. Harold Lyman stated that the Council had given advice and consent for the motto and he wanted that reflected in the minutes for historical value. Mayor Turk instructed staff to listen to the tape from the meeting and make the change to the minutes if in fact advice and consent had been given. If not, leave the minutes as they were approved. Kim Palmer will follow up.
11. Kim Palmer informed the Council there will be a TRT Tax Blanding Marketing Meeting on September 18, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. Jeremy Redd has scheduled this meeting and invited local businesses. They will discuss a plan on how to spend TRT Tax money that can be presented to the County.
12. Councilmember Laws reported on the BLM meeting September 4, 2012. Shelly Smith openly confessed that all the roads are open and that the GOB and other wilderness organizations had been closing roads. Councilmember Laws said the greatest result of the meeting was the open admission that all roads are upon unless posted closed. BLM said if roads were not in their inventory it was assumed they were closed. The BLM also made a request to let them know of roads that are not on their maps so they can include them in their inventory. However then they would automatically become closed. The City has a right to be involved with the decisions affecting roads around this community. He explained to Shelly Smith that the average citizen does not have time to read and understand the Resource Management Plan. Councilmember Ogle said he was proud of Councilmember Laws and Councilmember Lyman for their preparation and thorough questioning. March 2013 the BLM will have a ruling on Recapture.
13. Open Forum – Chief Bayles referred to the Police Report and informed council that there has been a 20-30% increase in cases over the last 2 months. Of the total citations 75 are criminal which limits the

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amount of time available for traffic citations. Alcohol is an increasing problem. Spice and marijuana are usually found at parties with alcohol. There has been an increasing problem with underage drinking (ages 18-20) and adults over the age of 21.

14. **Councilmember Taylor moved to adjourn. Councilmember Ogle seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting Aye:	Councilmember Johnson
	Councilmember Laws
	Councilmember Ogle
	Councilmember Taylor

Those voting Nay:	None
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Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

By _____
Kim Palmer, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL**

August 28, 2012

7:00 PM

Blanding City Council Chambers

Present:

City Council Members:	David Johnson Joe B. Lyman Kelly Laws Charlie Taylor Robert Ogle
City Administrator:	Jeremy Redd
City Engineer:	Terry Ekker
City Financial Director:	Kim Palmer

Absent:

Mayor Toni Turk

Others Present: Terri Laws, Lynne Shumway, Ferd Johnson, Kay Johnson (UAMPS)

- I. Meeting Called to Order: Councilmember Laws, acting as Mayor Pro Tempore, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
- II. Prayer/Thought: Kim Palmer
- III. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- IV. **Councilmember Lyman moved to approve the minutes from the August 14, council meeting. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tempore, Laws repeated the motion and asked for discussion.** Councilmember Lyman asked for the minutes to reflect his request for the recreation report to show an update total of recreation registrations. Councilmember Lyman requested that the minutes clearly state that the city treasurer position is automatically assigned to the city financial director position. Councilmember Lyman also asked that the word "architect" be changed to "surveyor" on action item 4B. **Mayor Pro Tempore, Laws restated the motion to approve the minutes, including the changes. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tempore Laws repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE:

Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Ogle

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro Tempore Laws declared the motion carried.

OPEN FORUM, PETITIONS, CONCERNS, COMMUNIATIONS, BUDGET REQUESTS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Lynne Shumway, representing the San Juan ATV Safari told the council that the Safari is scheduled for Sept. 13-15. She asked if council would consider donating \$500 to assist with the event. Councilmember Lyman reminded the council that a donation has been made before. Jeremy asked if the county had put any dollars toward the event. Mrs. Shumway responded, yes, but she was not sure of the exact amount. She told council there has been an increase in the amount of advertising done to promote the Safari. Councilmember Johnson asked how many riders were currently signed up. Mrs. Shumway answered there were currently 68 riders signed up. Mayor Pro Tempore Laws asked what has been the average number of riders in years past. Mrs. Shumway responded the average number of riders has been approximately 100. Ferd Johnson told council that he has visited 46 businesses and received funding from all but 2 of them. Councilmember Lyman suggested that the council use council discretionary funds and donate \$500.00 to the event. Council members agreed to donate to the Safari using council discretionary funds.

2. REPORTS/DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

A. Project Status Report

1. Starvation Reservoir Lining Project: Terry Ekker reported the final inspection was canceled due to the weather. It was rescheduled for Tuesday, September 4.

2. Waterline project: Mr. Ekker reported a preconstruction meeting for the waterline project was held on Monday, August 27th with Contractor Johansen Construction, Inc and Engineer Hansen, Allen and Luce. He told council that the project would not be completed in the time frame that had been earlier anticipated. The new completion date will be for May 2013. Councilmember Laws asked how the weather will affect the compaction of trenches. Mr. Ekker responded that density testing will be done to ensure trenches are compacted adequately. Jeremy Redd stated the contractor has experience working during winter months. The contractor will bear all the costs of working through the winter. There will be no additional financial obligation to the city.

2. Chip Seal: Mr. Ekker told council that the chip seal project is currently under way. It should be completed by Friday.

3. 12" Mountain line replacement: Mr. Ekker reported the mountain line replacement project design is at 75%. Bidders will be prequalified this fall for the project and bids will be accepted in the Spring. Councilmember Johnson asked how many qualified companies were being sought. Mr. Ekker responded that a limit was not set.

4. Blanding 203 Waterline Projects: Mr. Ekker shared that 20% of the waterline project design was completed.

5. Veterans Memorial: Mr. Redd has asked Joe Hurst, from Tri-Hurst Construction, for advice in the design and estimated construction costs of the Veterans Memorial. He continued to tell council November 11th is the goal for dedication for the memorial. He is contacting local contractors regarding the project to determine if it will be possible for them to complete the project by the anticipated completion date. There is \$32,000 currently available from fund raising activities. Councilmember Lyman reminded the council of his concern about continued operating costs for the building. He questioned what the revenue source would be that would support the costs of the facility. Mr. Redd suggested this discussion be held when Mayor Turk returns. Councilmember Lyman asks for the Veterans Memorial to be an agenda item for the September 11th meeting.

5. Power Master Plan: ICP has been recommended to help put together the scope of work so an RFP can be sent.

6. Automated Meter Reading Program: Mr. Ekker reported that data collectors and software have been ordered. Phase one of implementation will take place over the next few months. There will be 50 power, water and gas services moved over to the automated system. Mr. Lyman asked where the first automated readers would be located. Mr. Ekker responded that has yet to be determined.

3. PUBLIC HEARING – PARITY REVENUE BONDS

Councilmember Taylor moved to adjourn to a Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ogle. Mayor Pro Tempore Laws asked for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE:

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Ogle**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro Tempore Laws declared the motion carried.

Mayor Pro Tempore Laws asked if there were any public comments regarding the Parity Revenue Bonds. There were no comments.

Councilmember Taylor moved to leave the Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lyman. Mayor Pro Tempore Laws asked for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE:

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Ogle**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro Tempore Laws declared the motion carried.

4. ACTIONS ITEMS

A. Resolution 8/28/2012 – Resolution appointing an environmental certifying officer (ECO) for the City of Blanding – Jeremy Redd

Mr. Redd told the council that a city Environment Certifying Officer needed to be appointed. Many of the grants the city has applied for or intends to apply for request information about the city ECO.

Councilmember Taylor moved to point Jeremy Redd as the City of Blanding Environment Certifying Officer. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tempore Laws asked if there was any discussion. Mayor Pro Tempore Laws asked for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE:

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Ogle**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro Tempore Laws declared the motion carried.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

UAMPS Electric Update: Kay Johnson

Mr. Johnson updated the Council on each of the power projects that the City is currently invested in. He explained that the Horse Butte Wind Project is now running and green power is being produced. This creates scheduling issues for the City because it is difficult to predict the wind.

Mr. Johnson further explained that the City began purchasing power on the UAMPS market instead of the UAMPS pool. As of the end of July \$92,000 has been saved by making the extra effort to schedule and purchase power on a daily basis.

6. INFORMATION

BLM road closures: Jeremy informed council that Shelly Smith from the BLM would be unable to attend the scheduled meeting due to a family emergency. The meeting will be rescheduled for September 4th at 7:00 pm..

7. OPEN FORUM

No Comments

8. Executive Session – Legal

The motion to adjourn to an Executive Session was made by Councilmember Lyman. Seconded by Councilmember Johnson. Mayor Pro Tempore Laws repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE:

Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Ogle

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro Tempore declared the motion carried.

Mayor and Council retired to executive session at 8:08 p.m.

Mayor and Council returned to regular session at 9:03 p.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Taylor moved to adjourn. Councilmember Ogle seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tempore Laws repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Ogle

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL**

August 14, 2012

7:00 PM

Blanding City Council Chambers

Present:

Mayor: Toni Turk

City Council Members: David Johnson

Joe B. Lyman

Kelly Laws

Charlie Taylor

Robert Ogle

Community Development Director: Bret Hosler

Police Chief: Lyle Bayles

Fire Chief: Craig Stanley

City Engineer: Terry Ekker

Others Present: Kim Palmer, Kelly Jeppson

- I. Meeting Called to Order: Mayor Turk called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm**
- II. Prayer/Thought: Terry Ekker**
- III. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.**
- IV. Councilmember Taylor moved to approve the agenda. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE:

Councilmember Lyman

Councilmember Laws

Councilmember Taylor

Councilmember Johnson

Councilmember Ogle

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

OPEN FORUM, PETITIONS, CONCERNS, COMMUNIATIONS, BUDGET REQUESTS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No public comments were received

2. REPORTS/DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

A. Natural Gas Report: Mr. Ekker reported that no new meters were set in July. However, several services were run and will show on next months report.

B. Police Reports: Mr. Bayles presented the July 2012 police report. Mr. Bayles stated, July was a busy month, mostly due to the 4th of July activities. The council supported Mr. Bayles's requested to replace a different officer's vehicle than what was originally scheduled. This change was prompted by a safety issue.

C. Fire Department Report: Mr. Stanley presented the July 2012 fire department report. The month started off with the 4th of July fireworks. He felt the event went off well and the crew did a great job again this year. He reported that currently nine firefighters are participating in "Hazmat Ops" training. This training takes a great deal of time and he appreciates those willing to sacrifice the time to attend. He hopes the group will take their Hazmat Ops test next Saturday. Councilman Lyman asked if there were other communities that have volunteer fire departments that compare to this department. Mr. Stanley stated that he would match the Blanding fire department with any volunteer department in the state. He continued that Blanding seems to have more participation in training than other fire departments in the county. Most communities in the county only training once a month at best and currently Montezuma Creek is struggling to keep a department with only three members right now. Mr. Laws commended Mr. Stanley and prior fire chiefs for the way they run the fire department.

Mr. Laws asked about the water that was being sprayed into the fire engines during the parade and was this causing any damage to those trucks. Do these individuals need to be advised that this could be a problem? Mr. Stanley responded that spraying water inside the trucks could cause damage, especially to the new truck. He has spoken to those that enjoy the "water fun" about the possibilities of their being damage. He told them they would be responsible for any damage that came from the water

D. Recreation Report: Terry Ekker gave the recreation report. Soccer is currently going on and registrations for football are being taken. Mr. Lyman stated that the report (included in the packet) is a good picture of what is happening in recreation. It was noted that the college members are not included in the report.

Mr. Laws asked the minutes to reflect his concern that there is no water report and asked that someone be assigned to bring that report to council in the future until Danny returns.

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Survey Discrepancy and Boundary Adjustment Request – Winston and Kathy Hurst – Joe Lyman Mr. Lyman shared that he has visited the property, he did not meet with any property owners. He stated that the city will be giving seven and a half feet to the property owner. The property owners are ready to move forward and have the adjustment/deed recorded. The question was asked if this would make a difference to property taxes. Mr. Lyman responded that yes it would, there is an increase to their current property. The change would be made from Hurst south to Workmans.

B. Hydrogen Fueled Power Feasibility Study – Charlie Taylor

Charlie shared that a discussion was held last week with a hydrogen fuel group that has invited the City of Blanding to invest in this venture. Each council member felt that there was not enough information about the organization or the process to warrant the investment from the city.

4. **ACTIONS ITEMS**

A. Boundary Adjustment – 100 West Properties 100-200 North – Joe Lyman

Councilmember Lyman moved to allow Hurst's to allow their architect to move forward with the boundary adjustment. A written description would be needed and a deed completed. The cost of the legal description would fall on the property owners. Each property owner would complete a deed and the city would sign it. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Turk asked if there was any discussion. Councilmember Johnson asked how much does that leave the city between the property line and the curb? Councilmember Lyman responded that it is about 15-16 feet. **Mayor Turk asked for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE:

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Ogle**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

B. Resolution 8-14-2012-1 – Appointing Officers of the City of Blanding – Terry Ekker

Councilmember Taylor moved to accept resolution 8-14-2012-1. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Turk asked if there was any discussion. Councilmember Ogle asked if Kim's job title was City Financial Director or City Treasurer. Councilmember Lyman responded that City Treasurer is an appointed position. **Mayor Turk asked for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE:

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Ogle**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

C. Budget Adjustment – Authorize funding for Hydrogen Fuel Project

This item was tabled.

5. INFORMATION

Mayor Turk asked if there was any information that needed to come before council. Councilmember Lyman shared information regarding the TRT discussion with the county. He stated he has shared the city's position with the county and also his personal position as a business owner. He stated that there has been a lot of discussion throughout the county and expects to see more in the future. Mayor Turk stated that he has had phone calls from individuals expressing their feelings on the funding. Councilmember Laws asked how Danny Fleming was doing. Terry responded that he is slowly recovering and hoping to be back to work soon.

6. OPEN FORUM

Kelly Jeppson, a city resident asked what the process was to get curb and gutter on the street. He and his family have just purchased a home on 700 North. Mayor Turk responded telling Mr. Jeppson that he would not need to come to council for this request. Terry shared the curb and gutter policy and how the match program works. It was determined that Mr. Jeppson would work with his neighbors to meet the city policy for the city curb and gutter match program.

7. CLOSED SESSION – PERSONNEL

8. ADJOURNMENT

The motion to adjourn to an Executive Session was made by Councilmember Lyman. Seconded by Councilmember Ogle. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE:

Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Ogle

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Mayor and Council retired to executive session at 7:45 p.m.

Mayor and Council returned to regular session at 8:30 p.m.

9. Councilmember Laws moved to adjourn. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Ogle

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
JULY 31, 2012
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor: Toni Turk
City Councilmembers: David Johnson
Joe B Lyman
Kelly Laws
Charlie Taylor
Robert Ogle
City Administrator: Jeremy Redd
City Engineer: Terry Ekker

Others Present: None.

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Robert Ogle.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Laws moved to approve the agenda. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Ogle**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Open Forum – no public comments were received.

4. **Councilmember Lyman moved to retire to a Closed Session. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Ogle**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Mayor and Council retired to closed session at 7:08 p.m.

Mayor and Council returned to regular session at 8:04 p.m.

5. **Councilmember Taylor moved to approve the hire of Kim V. Palmer as Finance Director/Treasurer. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Ogle**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

6. Mr. Redd asked the Council for direction regarding timing for a potential meeting with the BLM. It was determined that a night meeting would be best. Mr. Redd will continue to work with Tom Heinlein at the BLM office in Monticello to coordinate a meeting.
7. Councilmember Lyman commented on a proposal being presented to the County Commission by Commissioner Phil Lyman to return TRT taxes collected back to the individual cities in which they were paid. The meeting will be held August 6th to discuss the proposal, and Councilmember Lyman asked the Council to allow him to speak in favor of the resolution and inform the Commission that Blanding City is willing and able to administer the funds. Advice and consent was given for Councilmember Lyman to represent the Council in that manner.

8. Open Forum – No public comments were received.
9. **Councilmember Taylor moved to adjourn. Councilmember Ogle seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Ogle**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

By _____
Jeremy Redd, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
JULY 16, 2012
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor: Toni Turk

City Councilmembers: David Johnson

Joe B Lyman

Kelly Laws

Charlie Taylor

Robert Ogle

City Administrator: Chris Webb

Finance Director: Jeremy Redd

Community Development Director: Bret Hosler

Others Present: Lisa Rarick, Neil Joslin, Taylor Harrison.

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Chris Webb.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Lyman moved to approve the agenda. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Lyman

Councilmember Laws

Councilmember Halliday

Councilmember Taylor

Councilmember Ogle

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

3. Mayor Turk administered the oath of office to Robert Ogle, swearing him in as a member of the City Council.
4. Open Forum – no public comments were received.

5. **Councilmember Lyman moved to retire to a Closed Session. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Ogle**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Mayor and Council retired to closed session at 7:12 p.m.

Mayor and Council returned to regular session at 7:57 p.m.

6. **Councilmember Lyman moved to appoint Jeremy Redd as City Manager effective July 27, 2012. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Ogle**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

7. **Open Forum – No public comments were received.**

8. **Councilmember Taylor moved to adjourn. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Ogle**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

By _____
Jeremy Redd, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
JULY 10, 2012
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor: Toni Turk
City Councilmembers: David Johnson
Joe B Lyman
Kelly Laws
Charlie Taylor
City Administrator: Chris Webb
Finance Director: Jeremy Redd
City Engineer: Terry Ekker
Police Chief: Lyle Bayles
General Services Director: Jeff Black
Fire Chief: Craig Stanley

Others Present: Terri Laws, Liz Adams, Stephen Smith, Gail Northern, Winston Hurst, Kathy Hurst, Laura Kemner, Merle McDonald, Robert Ogle, Rodney Workman, Fila Harris.

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Charlie Taylor.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Lyman moved to approve the minutes, with changes, and financial disbursements of the June 12, 2012 meeting. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Halliday**

Those voting NAY

Those Abstaining

NONE

Councilmember Taylor

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

3. Open Forum – Fila Harris addressed the Council representing Blue Mountain Dine. She explained that the Indian Art Market has been held at Edge of the Cedars Museum for many years, but due to funding cuts the site will no longer be available. She asked the Council to consider allowing the Visitor Center Park for the event. Advice and consent was given to allow the event to be held at the Visitor Center Park.

Kathy and Winston Hurst addressed the Council regarding a boundary discrepancy and possible adjustment. They explained that a licensed surveyor has surveyed their property and that of their neighbors and determined that there is a 7.5 foot discrepancy in the city right-of-way. They requested that the City consider deeding the property to the land owners to fix the problem. Mr. Webb explained that there have been similar cases in town and there is a precedent of working with property owners to clean up the survey issues. Councilmember Lyman asked that the issue be brought back for consideration at the next Council meeting.

4. Mr. Black presented the June 2012 Natural Gas and Water Reports. He explained that it has been a very dry year for water. Councilmember Taylor asked when the water in Dry Wash Reservoir will be brought down, and Mr. Ekker explained that it will be done soon, probably by mid August.

Mr. Bayles presented the June 2012 Police Report. Mr. Bayles commented that we need more community education about ATV use during the July 4th celebration. It was suggested that information is added to the newsletter next year prior to July.

4. Mr. Stanley presented the June 2012 Fire Report. He expressed appreciation to those who helped with the fireworks. Mr. Stanley further reported that to date there have been no fires due to fireworks.
5. Mr. Webb reported on the progress of the Veterans Memorial. Over \$24,000 has been raised to date, and there are others who have pledged donations towards the project. Mayor Turk explained that he has contacted a company named "Together We Served" to host the database system. They are excited about the project and eager to work with the City.
6. Mr. Ekker informed the Council of the bid opening on the 2012 Waterline Project. Hansen, Allen and Luce are the engineering firm on the project, and they have recommended awarding the project to the low bidder, Johansen Construction, Inc, for \$884,108.29. **Councilmember Laws moved to award the 2012 Waterline Project to Johansen Construction, Inc. for \$884,108.29. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion.** Councilmember Laws asked if they have ever worked for the City before. Mr. Ekker explained that they have not, but they have worked for other cities who recommend them, including locally for Monticello City. Councilmember Lyman commented that their bid is far below the engineer's estimate and asked if due diligence has been done. Mr. Ekker assured him that they seemed capable of completing the project on time and on budget. **Mayor Turk called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Taylor**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

7. Mr. Ekker recommended awarding a chip seal project bid to LeGrand Johnson for \$308,133.70 with a completion date of September 15th. He explained that the original bid was for a completion date of August 15th, but the City will save money by extending the date due to additional mobilization costs. **Councilmember Lyman moved to award the chip seal project to LeGrand Johnson for \$308,133.70 with a completion date of September 15, 2012. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Taylor**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

8. **Councilmember Laws moved to award the 2012 Waterline Project to Johansen Construction, Inc. for \$884,108.29. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Taylor**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

9. **Councilmember Lyman moved to approve Resolution 7-10-2012-1 Consideration for and adoption of a Bond Resolution authorizing the issuance of \$250,000 Parity Water Revenue Bond, Series 2012A of Blanding City, San Juan County, Utah. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Mr. Webb explained that the bond is for a water project. The funding will be \$750,000 grant and \$250,000 loan at 0% interest for 20 years. Mayor Turk called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Taylor**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

10. In consideration of appointing a new City Council member to fill the vacated seat of Mike Halliday, the Council asked each candidate to give a presentation.
- a. Liz Adams addressed the Council and explained she has been contemplating running for City Council for the past 10 years. She has served on the Planning and Zoning Commission and feels that there are always two sides to every issue. She was born and raised in Blanding and would like to serve on the Council to help children and make sure they have the same quality of life that she and her children had. She feels that there is a divide between groups in the City and she expressed a desire to work to close the divide.
 - b. Robert Ogle addressed the Council and explained that he has been serving Blanding for the past 6 years. He has been a member of the Chamber of Commerce, Kigalia Fine Arts Council, Blue Mtn Hospital Foundation, and various other boards and committees. He has attended City Council meetings for the past four years, and has run for election to the Council twice previously. He further explained that he is fiscally conservative and will jealously guard the tax dollars of the citizens.
 - c. Gail Northern addressed the Council and explained that she does not have a personal or political agenda. She was encouraged to apply and feels everyone has a responsibility and obligation to serve. She has experience serving as a city and county clerk, and is willing to serve if that is the desire of the Council.
 - d. Stephen Smith addressed the Council and expressed his view that the country was formed due to citizens taking an active role in government. He currently works for the State of Utah and is knowledgeable about budgets and government spending. He complemented the City for keeping Blanding in a good financial position.

Mayor Turk commented on the high caliber of the candidates, and felt the City will be well served by whoever is chosen to fill the vacancy.

11. Councilmember Lyman commented on the land use handbook published by the BLM. He asked for the support of the Council to contact the BLM and produce a formal complaint. He feels that there are violations of their own planning document and he would like the Council to be vocally opposed to the direction they are taking. Councilmember Laws asked what the intent of the complaint would be. He proposed drafting a letter asking the BLM to meet with the City Council. Advice and consent was given to proceed with the drafting of a letter to the BLM.
12. **Councilmember Lyman moved to retire to a Closed Session. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

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Mayor and Council retired to closed session at 8:06 p.m.

Mayor and Council returned to regular session at 8:42 p.m.

13. **Councilmember Laws moved to appoint Robert Ogle to the City Council to serve until December 31, 2013. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

14. **Councilmember Taylor moved to adjourn. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

By _____
Jeremy Redd, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
JUNE 12, 2012
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor: Toni Turk
City Councilmembers: David Johnson
Joe B Lyman
Kelly Laws
Mike Halliday
City Administrator: Chris Webb
Finance Director: Jeremy Redd
Police Chief: Lyle Bayles
General Services Director: Jeff Black
Community Development Director: Bret Hosler
Fire Chief: Craig Stanley
Recreation Director: David Palmer

Absent:

City Councilmembers: Charlie Taylor

Others Present: Terri Laws.

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Chris Webb.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Lyman moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the May 22, 2012 meeting. Councilmember Halliday seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Halliday**

**Those voting NAY
Those Abstaining**

**NONE
Councilmember Johnson**

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

3. Mayor Turk recognized Councilmember Mike Halliday for the service he has rendered. He presented him with a plaque memorializing the service.
4. Open Forum – There were no comments from the public.

5. Mr. Black presented the May 2012 Natural Gas and Water Reports. He commented that there were a large number of services added to natural gas due to the new Grayson apartment complex coming on line.
6. Mr. Bayles presented the May 2012 Police Report. Councilmember Lyman asked about speeding on 300 West that was brought to the Council by a group of citizens. Mr. Bayles commented that there has been increased enforcement in the area, and speeding seems to have slowed. Mr. Redd commented that he had been in contact with one of the citizens and they were appreciative of the efforts the City police department had made to help with the problem.
7. Mr. Stanley presented the May 2012 Fire Report. He reported that there was a structure fire that was started by a child in a trailer. Everyone was safe, but there was extensive damage to the rental property.
8. Mr. Palmer presented the May 2012 Recreation Report. Councilmember Lyman asked about City involvement in the new fast pitch softball league. Mr. Palmer explained that the involvement is limited to some oversight, scheduling umpires and chalking the field before play.
9. Mr. Webb informed the Council that the City Office will be used for primary elections on June 26th, which is scheduled as a Council Meeting. He explained that the meeting can be moved to the Arts & Conference Center or cancelled. The Council determined to cancel the meeting.
10. Mr. Webb informed the Council of the progress being made on the new Veterans Memorial. He explained that fundraising will begin on July 4th, and he presented conceptual drawings of the proposed memorial. Councilmembers expressed their support for the project and those who serve in the military.

Mayor Turk commented that there has been over \$800 raised to this point, but the total cost of the facility will be close to \$30,000. Donations over the needed amount will be placed in an endowment for maintenance and operation of the memorial.

11. **Councilmember Lyman moved to enter a public hearing regarding the 2012-2013 fiscal year City budget. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Halliday**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Mr. Webb informed the Council that no one had signed up to speak on the budget, and no public comments were received.

Councilmember Lyman moved to leave the public hearing regarding the 2012-2013 fiscal year City budget. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Halliday**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

12. **Councilmember Johnson moved approve resolution 6-12-2012-2 adopting the fiscal year 2012-2013 City budget. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion.** Councilmember Lyman asked if additional salary allocations had been made to the Wellness Center. Mr. Webb explained that they had not, but that it will be evaluated this year and reflected in the next proposed budget. Councilmember Laws commented on recreation spending and expressed displeasure that \$450,000 will be spent. He commented that poor people have to pay for other people to have fun. **Mayor Turk called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Halliday**

Those voting NAY

Councilmember Laws

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

13. **Councilmember Laws moved approve resolution 6-12-2012-1 adopting the certified tax rate. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion.** The Council held a lengthy discussion about the options for setting the rate, and the consequences of not taking taxes on new real growth. Councilmember Lyman commented that politically we reduced the rate, and we can just keep the rates low philosophically, or make real cuts and changes. He further commented that the County is near the top of all taxing counties in the state, even though Blanding City sits in the middle as far as City tax rates statewide.

Mr. Redd explained that by taking the same tax amount as last year and not taking new real growth, the average savings on an \$180,000 home will be 35 cents. Councilmember Johnson explained that he had many people express to him appreciation for keeping the rates low even though it did not amount to a large savings. Councilmember Laws explained that he will vote to keep the revenue neutral because it is the right thing to do. **Mayor Turk called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

14. Mr. Webb produced a map for the Council of the roads that will receive chip seal this season. He explained that parking lots will be chipped at the same time to help protect that investment.
15. Open Forum – No public comments were received.
16. **Councilmember Johnson moved to retire to Executive Session. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Mayor and Council retired to executive session at 8:02 p.m.

Mayor and Council returned to regular session at 8:56 p.m.

17. **Councilmember Halliday moved to adjourn. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

By _____
Jeremy Redd, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
MAY 22, 2012
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor: Toni Turk

City Councilmembers: Mike Halliday

Joe B Lyman

Kelly Laws

Charlie Taylor

City Administrator: Chris Webb

Finance Director: Jeremy Redd

General Services Director: Jeff Black

City Engineer: Terry Ekker

Others Present: Terri Laws, Robert Ogle, Philip Palmer, Steve Jones, Bonnie Purcell, Stephanie Middleton, Ernie Montano.

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Jeremy Redd.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Laws moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the May 8, 2012 meeting, with an addition to item 10 stating, "Never have more right than the percentage of the project that they pay for, and under no circumstances would it be more than their percentage of the project." Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Halliday

Councilmember Laws

Councilmember Lyman

Those voting NAY

NONE

Those Abstaining

Councilmember Taylor

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

3. Mayor Turk presented a plaque to Ernie Montano and recognized him for 25 years of dedicated service as a crossing guard. Councilmember Halliday commented about Ernie's dedication to his job and expressed that he will be missed.
4. Open Forum -- Bonnie Purcell and Stephanie Middleton addressed the Council and asked for something to be done about speeding vehicles in their neighborhood on 300 West. They asked that the police department pay special attention to enforcing the speed in the area.

5. Mr. Webb presented a project status report for the City. Councilmember Laws asked specifically about the timetable on the chip seal project. He asked if it would be completed by the end of June. Mr. Ekker explained that it would not be completed that soon and the budget will not be available until July.

6. **Councilmember Laws moved to approve Resolution 5-22-2012-1 USDA Loan Authorization. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion.** Mr. Webb informed the Council that the funding will match funding already secured from the CIB, and the City will take 75% grant and 25% loan at 2.75% from the USDA. He further explained that this resolution authorizes the indebtedness. **Mayor Turk he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Taylor**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

7. Mr. Webb presented the bids received for the surplus equipment sale. He explained that the City has the option of accepting or rejecting any or all bids received. Discussion centered on whether to accept all the bids or begin a process of determining which bids to question and possibly reject. **Councilmember Laws moved to accept all of the high bids and sell the surplus equipment. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Lyman
Mayor Turk**

Those voting NAY

**Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Taylor**

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

8. Steve Jones addressed the Council representing Hansen, Allen and Luce. He presented the sewer master plan to the Council and City Staff. He explained that the plan is an attempt to determine needed improvements and additions to the sewer system for the next 10-20 years. The average citizen in Blanding uses 75.4 gallons of water per day, and the sewer system needs to be scaled to handle the anticipated waste water needs.

9. Councilmember Lyman opened a discussion about city beautification and weeds. He explained that the planning commission had discussions with Chief Stanley about dry weeds being a fire hazard. He proposed bringing in a professional to determine which properties posed a threat to fire or health and encourage them to be cleared.
- Councilmember Laws expressed concerns about creating more government and the City becoming more involved in policing its citizens. He expressed opposition to involving the City in determining what level of beautification must be maintained on private property. Councilmember Halliday commented that there currently exists a nuisance ordinance that allows for concerned neighbors to request City intervention. Mr. Webb clarified that if a neighbor feels there is a nuisance there is currently a process in place to deal with the problem, but it requires them to sign a statement and be on the record about their concerns.
10. Councilmember Lyman opened a discussion about possible Transient Room taxes that may come to the City. He explained that there is some discussion at the County level of sending County tax money to the cities to use as they see fit. He proposed the creation of a new board to oversee spending of the money. He proposed that it be composed of a City Councilmember, member of the Blanding Area Travel Council, Visitor Center Staff, and businessmen from the community.
11. Mr. Webb informed the Council that the public hearing on the budget will be on June 12th at 7:30pm. He also commented that there will be a vacant City Council seat that will be advertised to be filled.
12. Open Forum - No public comments were given.
13. **Councilmember Taylor moved to adjourn. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Taylor**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

By _____
Jeremy Redd, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
MAY 8, 2012
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:	Mayor:	Toni Turk
	City Councilmembers:	Mike Halliday David Johnson Joe B. Lyman Kelly Laws
	City Administrator:	Chris Webb
	City Clerk:	Lisa Rarick
	General Services Director:	Jeff Black
	Community Development Director:	Bret Hosler
	City Engineer:	Terry Ekker
	Police Chief:	Lyle Bayles
	Parks and Recreation Director:	David Palmer

Absent:	City Councilmember:	Charlie Taylor
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Others Present: Terri Laws, Cindy Bayles, Robert Ogle.

Prayer/Thought – The prayer/thought was offered by Joe B. Lyman.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Lyman moved to approve the consent agenda, minutes, and financial disbursements of the April 24, 2012 meeting with the following change: under item #11 the word “conscious” should be changed to “conscientious”. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those Voting Aye:	Councilmember Halliday Councilmember Johnson Councilmember Lyman Councilmember Laws
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Those Voting Nay:	None
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Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

3. Open Forum – Mr. Webb informed Council that the recognition award for Ernie Montano would be presented at a later date.

Robert Ogle reported there would be no boxing tournament as part of the 4th of July celebration. However, Anthony Ford is interested in offering a mixed martial arts event that would be legally sanctioned by the state. He will coordinate through Councilmember Taylor and 4th of July Committee Chairman Lynn Stevens.

Cindy Bayles signed up for a Wellness Center pass in January and has noticed during the past few months there is a lack of security. Many people are attending classes that do not have passes. They crowd the classes after there have been events in the gym open to the public or are admitted in with others who have access cards. The employees do not seem to be checking membership passes. Parks and Recreation Director David Palmer said he was frustrated that employees were not following the procedures that have been implemented.

4. Mr. Black presented the April 2012 Natural Gas and Water Reports. Councilmember Lyman was pleased with the improved layout of the natural gas report. Councilmember Laws complimented Mr. Ekker for his work on improving the report. Mr. Black informed the Council there is still water runoff coming from the mountain.
5. Chief Bayles presented the April 2012 Police Report. He reported that Officer Hillhouse is back to full duty. Councilmember Halliday asked what the split is between citations and warnings issued. Chief Bayles had combined them into one category. Councilmember Halliday suggested listing each of them separately so there would be a more accurate representation of the revenue being generated through citations.
6. Mr. Webb presented the April 2012 Fire Report. There were no questions or comments.
7. Mr. Palmer presented the April 2012 Recreation Report. He reported that a men's fast pitch softball league will be implemented this summer and that the pool was operational and ready to open on May 15 with many returning lifeguards and additional new trainees. Councilmember Lyman asked if the water fitness timeslots for the pool included lap swimming. Mr. Palmer stated there would be lanes for lap swimming and areas set aside for water fitness classes.
8. Mr. Webb presented the Capital Projects Plan 2012-2013. Mr. Webb gave a brief summary of proposed projects and funding options. The city has a capital projects fund for identified projects. This allows the city the opportunity to legally save money into the capital projects fund for identified projects. The total cost for these projects in the next 10 years is \$15 million with funding as follows: \$3.2 million savings from cash reserves, \$5 million projected debt, and \$6.75 million in grant money. Identified projects not placed or funded in the 10 year plan total \$13 million. The plan will be adopted as part of the budget.
9. Mr. Webb updated Council on the Forest Service Permit. The forest service cost fees have been reduced to \$15,000. There are certain areas of the right-of-way that have not been archaeologically surveyed. The forest service has asked the city to do an archaeological review of the non surveyed right-of-way areas.

Bill Davis with Abajo Archaeology could provide a survey at short notice for a cost of \$3,000 to \$5,000. Councilmember Laws was not happy with the processing fees being assessed. The forest service has no water to fight fires and relies on the city under a water purchase agreement to obtain water for fire suppression. Councilmember Laws feels it should be the city's intention to recover forest service right-of-way processing costs through the water sale contract the city has with the forest service.

10. Mr. Webb reported on Water Conservancy District funding. The Water Conservancy District made a motion to provide \$25,000 per year for the next 14 years as participation in the Dry Wash Spur Project. However, they want some capacity right in the pipeline. A discussion ensued about capacity rights if any; the City would be willing to give in return for participation. It was the general feeling that the City agreement should be only excess capacity in the line the City was not using to transport its water at any given time. Any right given should be limited to the Water Conservancy District and be non-transferable. Mr. Webb will work on negotiations and bring back any proposed agreements to Council for approval.
11. Mr. Webb reminded Council of the budget work session meeting on May 17, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. Councilmember Laws requested the time be changed to 7:00 due to a conflict with his work scheduled. Advice and consent was given by the council to change the time to 7:00 p.m.
12. ● Open Forum – Councilmember Laws informed the Council that Danny Fleming has been diagnosed with cancer and will be receiving treatments over the next few months.
13. **Councilmember Lyman moved to adjourn. Councilmember Halliday seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting Aye:	Councilmember Lyman
	Councilmember Johnson
	Councilmember Halliday
	Councilmember Laws
	Councilmember Taylor

Those voting Nay:	None
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Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

By _____
Jeremy Redd, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
APRIL 24, 2012
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor: Toni Turk
City Councilmembers: Mike Halliday
David Johnson
Joe B Lyman
Kelly Laws
Charlie Taylor
City Administrator: Chris Webb
Finance Director: Jeremy Redd
General Services Director: Jeff Black
Community Development Director: Bret Hosler
City Engineer: Terry Ekker
Police Chief: Lyle Bayles

Others Present: Terri Laws, Robert Ogle.

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Kelly Laws.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Laws moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the March 13, 2012 meeting. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Taylor**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

3. Open Forum – No public comments were given.

4. Mr. Webb presented a project status report for the City. He commented that road work has started again in earnest and should be done in June. He has submitted a USDA grant that, if approved, will help fund water distribution projects. There was a discussion about the San Juan Water Conservancy District as a possible funding source. Mr. Webb explained that he is working with the Forest Service on authorization for the mountain pipeline project. The earliest that approval will be secured will be October.
5. Mr. Black commented that the spring clean-up went well. He expressed appreciation to Preston Grover from the County for his efforts in making it smooth and successful. There were 40-50 loads of trash dumped at the transfer station.
6. **Councilmember Lyman moved to approve the Farmers Market contract. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Taylor**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

7. Mayor Turk appointed Dick Einerson to serve on the Board of Adjustments. Advice and consent was given by the Council for the appointment.
8. Mr. Webb discussed pursuing a Federal EDA grant to help with developing and economic development plan. He explained that the plan could help open up funding sources for development that are only available after a plan has been completed. Councilmember Lyman expressed concern about government's role in economic development, and questioned whether the City should spend time or resources on the project. Mr. Webb explained that he will bring more information to the Council when it becomes available.
9. Mr. Webb informed the Council that the flowers will be planted on Main Street on May 19th. He encouraged participation for the community in the project.
10. Councilmember Halliday announced that he will be leaving the Council to serve a full-time LDS mission beginning in July. His last Council meeting will be June 12th.
11. Councilmember Laws commented on water usage. He encouraged the community to be conscious with the water that is being used. He explained that with a few more bad water years we will be in a critical position, and he encouraged everyone to remember that we are in a desert.
12. Open Forum - No public comments were given.

13. **Councilmember Lyman moved to retire to Executive Session. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Taylor**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Mayor and Council retired to executive session at 7:38 pm.

Mayor and Council returned to regular session at 7:48 pm.

14. **Councilmember Taylor moved to adjourn. Councilmember Halliday seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Taylor**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

By _____
Jeremy Redd, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
APRIL 10, 2012
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor: Toni Turk
City Councilmembers: David Johnson
Joe B Lyman
Kelly Laws
Charlie Taylor
Finance Director: Jeremy Redd
Police Chief: Lyle Bayles
General Services Director: Jeff Black
City Engineer: Terry Ekker
Fire Chief: Craig Stanley
Recreation Director: David Palmer

Absent:

City Councilmembers: Mike Halliday

Others Present: Georgi Hockaday, Terri Laws, Joanna Bethea, Kari Bake, Robert Ogle, Teresa Frazier, Danelle Jones, Mowava Watson, RicQuella Villalobos, Samantha Crank, Leshannia Teeasyatoh, Mikayla Simpson, Kevin Tso.

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Toni Turk.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Lyman moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the March 27, 2012 meeting. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Councilmember Laws asked that wording be changed to: The irrigators will use all of the water that they own. Mayor Turk called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

3. Open Forum

Mr. Redd commented that this is the appropriate time for the public to make budget requests for the 2012-2013 fiscal year budget.

Joanna Bethea addressed the Council and asked them to consider budgeting for new weights for the aerobics room at the Wellness Center. She explained that she teaches classes that are in need of the equipment, which will cost \$1050.00. She further explained that the equipment and aerobics classes are revenue generators for the center, and the equipment will help bring in new members and add to the overall wellness of the community.

Councilmember Lyman thanked Mrs. Bethea for her request, and commented that revenue generation would be a good reason for purchasing the new equipment.

No further comments were received from the public regarding budget requests.

Georgi Hockaday addressed the Council representing the Blanding Farmer's Market. She asked the Council to consider renewing the agreement for another year with no changes. It will be brought back at the next meeting for action.

4. Mr. Black presented the March 2012 Natural Gas and Water Reports. Councilmember Laws asked about historical data on the gas report that he had asked to be included. Mr. Ekker explained that there are some issues with getting accurate historical data, but that he would modify the report to include the data. Councilmember Laws also commented on the amount of water the report showed in the 3rd reservoir. Mr. Black did not know the answer and commented that he would find it and report back.

Mr. Bayles presented the March 2012 Police Report. He reported an increase in calls for service, cases, and citations. There were 281 calls and contacts for the month.

5. Mr. Stanley presented the March 2012 Fire Report. He commented that the new fire truck is now in production, and is expected to be delivered in December. Mayor Turk commented that the Fire Department is gearing up for the upcoming weed season.
6. Mr. Palmer presented the March 2012 Recreation Report. He commented that he is getting ready for the busiest time of his year with the pool opening and baseball starting. Councilmember Laws asked him to develop a report that has charts that include monthly numbers and historical data.
7. **Councilmember Lyman moved to approve zoning ordinance changes regarding mobile home permitted use by zone. Councilmember Laws seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion.** Councilmember Lyman reiterated that there are no substantive changes, but just clarifications to the existing ordinance. **Mayor Turk called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

8. Mr. Redd presented the Council with a list of surplus City items and equipment that is proposed for sale. He explained that the sale would follow existing City policy for the sale of surplus property. The items are located at the City shop and will be sold using a sealed bid process. There was discussion about whether or not sealed bid is the best way to sell the items, or whether a silent auction might produce better results.

Councilmember Johnson moved to approve the sale of surplus property as identified.

Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

9. Councilmember Taylor joined the meeting.
10. Mr. Redd produced a list of properties that the City would like to self-insure, as opposed to purchasing property insurance. The properties are either obsolete or highly unlikely to have an issue that would require repair or replacement. He explained that by not insuring these properties the City will save approximately \$3,300.00 per year in insurance costs. Advice and consent was given to not insure the properties.
11. Mayor Turk informed the Council and community that Joseph Badback will be returning from active duty in Afghanistan on April 17th. Holly Walked is coordinating his welcome home activities.
12. Open Forum – No public comments were received.
13. **Councilmember Lyman moved to retire to Executive Session. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Mayor and Council retired to executive session at 7:35 pm.

Mayor and Council returned to regular session at 8:26 pm.

14. **Councilmember Taylor moved to adjourn. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

By _____
Jeremy Redd, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
MARCH 27, 2012
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor: Toni Turk
City Councilmembers: Mike Halliday
David Johnson
Joe B Lyman
Kelly Laws
City Administrator: Chris Webb
Finance Director: Jeremy Redd
General Services Director: Jeff Black
Community Development Director: Bret Hosler

Absent:

City Councilmember: Charlie Taylor

Others Present: Terri Laws, Georgi Hockaday, Laura Kemner.

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Chris Webb.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Laws moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the March 13, 2012 meeting. Councilmember Halliday seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Lyman**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

3. Open Forum – Georgi Hockaday addressed the Council and asked if there has been any consideration from the Council regarding the passing of Dr. Watkins. She expressed concern over not having a veterinarian in the community to help take care of large and small animals.

4. Mr. Webb presented a project status report for the City. He commented that he is still working with the USDA in Washington on a grant proposal. If the grant is not successful, identified projects would not be started.
5. **Councilmember Halliday moved to approve the Natural Gas Policy changes. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Lyman**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

6. Mr. Hosler addressed the Council and discussed proposed zoning ordinance changes. He explained that with the addition of the R1A zone, the code needs certain changes to reflect what types of modular homes can be erected within the new zone. The changes being proposed by the Planning Commission will clarify and bring consistency to the codified ordinances. Councilmember Lyman explained that these changes tie together the ordinances but do not make any actual policy changes. The item will be brought back at the next meeting for approval.
7. Councilmember Laws informed the Council about decisions that were made at the Blanding Irrigation Company meeting. He cautioned the City that water will be scarce this year, but irrigators will be using all of the water they have purchased. He further commented that the water in dry wash reservoir does not belong to the City, and the irrigators will probably use all of that water as well.
8. Open Forum - No public comments were given.
9. **Councilmember Lyman moved to retire to Executive Session. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

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Mayor and Council retired to executive session at 7:26 pm.

Mayor and Council returned to regular session at 7:42 pm.

10. **Councilmember Halliday moved to adjourn. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

By _____
Jeremy Redd, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
MARCH 13, 2012
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor: Toni Turk
City Councilmembers: Charlie Taylor
Mike Halliday
Kelly Laws
Finance Director: Jeremy Redd
Police Chief: Lyle Bayles
General Services Director: Jeff Black
Community Development Director: Bret Hosler
City Engineer: Terry Ekker
Fire Chief: Craig Stanley

Absent:

City Councilmembers: Joe B Lyman
David Johnson

Others Present: Barbara Turk, Lynn Stevens, Kay Shumway, Lawrence Guymon, Robert Ogle, Craig Simpson.

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Jeremy Redd.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Taylor moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the February 28, 2012 meeting. Councilmember Laws seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Councilmember Laws asked that wording be added that the Council was clear that sidewalks must be cleaned before facilities can be opened to the public. Mayor Turk called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

3. Open Forum

Lynn Stevens addressed the Council. He is the July 4th Celebration Chairman for this year. He informed the council about progress that has been made by the committee, and also received approval for the theme, which will be "We Will Never Forget." He also discussed having all living World War II veterans as grand marshals for the parade. He discussed the budget, and suggestions for a sunrise service speaker.

Kay Shumway addressed the Council representing the Blanding Area Travel Council. He explained that the Indian Art Market will not be sponsored by the Edge of the Cedars Museum as it has in the past. Mr. Shumway asked the City to consider sponsoring the event, and it was determined the cost would be around \$10,000. He also asked if City facilities, such as the Visitor Center and Centennial Park, could be used to host the event.

Lawrence Guymon informed the Council that the Utah State Archaeological Society will hold their annual conference in Blanding June 8th and 9th. The event will bring 80-100 people to the area.

4. Mr. Black presented the February 2012 Natural Gas and Water Reports. He commented that the water is running due to the warm weather. Councilmember Laws asked for more historical data on the gas report, including monthly data compared with a year previous.

Mr. Bayles presented the February 2012 Police Report. He reported an increase in calls for service and cases, and a decrease in citations and contacts. Councilmember Laws asked about receipt events in the City, and whether there is a gang problem in the community. Chief Bayles explained that there is some gang-related graffiti, but gang activity is relatively light in Blanding.

Mr. Bayles informed the Council that state law requires each department to have a policy regarding part-time security jobs performed by its officers. He presented the suggested policy and asked for Council input. Councilmember Laws asked if our officers are using Blanding City vehicles, uniforms or weapons for security jobs, and he was told that they are not and that permission would have to be granted by the Council for the use of City owned equipment in private employment. Advice and consent was given to approve the policy as written.

Mr. Bayles asked the Council to approve Jamin Bradford and Avery Olsen as part-time officers for the City. He also asked for permission to look for part-time help for the Court clerk. He explained that neither of these actions would require an increase in the current budget, but that he could fund them with money already allocated to the Police Department. Advice and consent was given to hire as stated.

5. Mr. Stanley presented the February 2012 Fire Report. He explained that he met with the other Fire Chiefs in the County for a coordination meeting. Regular meetings should help coordination between the departments.
6. Mr. Webb presented the February 2012 Recreation Report. He explained that basketball is now finished and there were more teams and more players than in previous seasons. He commented on the slight dip in Wellness Center memberships, and explained that the decrease is due to some yearly members not renewing. Councilmember Laws asked to see the previous year Wellness Center numbers added to the Recreation Report.

7. **Councilmember Halliday moved to approve changes to the personnel policy regarding URS retirement benefit eligibility. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

8. Mr. Webb asked the Council to approve the Spring Newsletter. There was some discussion about the clean-up day and free dumping at the transfer station. It was noted that non-city residents cost the City about \$2000 to dump for free on that day. Councilmember Laws expressed concerns about subsidizing residents who do not pay into the garbage system with money from those who do. **Councilmember Laws moved to approve Spring Newsletter, but the City will allow free dumping only to City residents who are currently paying for garbage service. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

9. Mr. Redd introduced proposed changes to the City Natural Gas Policy. He explained that the policies are being reviewed and updated. The biggest change indicated would be to charge a standard price for natural gas installation of \$800 plus connection fees, rather than billing each individual the actual cost of construction. He explained that this will level the charges for everyone while allowing for costs to be known before an installation is started. The charges will be collected in advance.

Councilmember Laws asked about risers that were installed to a property. It was explained that anyone with a riser installed to the building, and have been paying \$8 per month, would not be required to pay any additional costs to have the service installed.

10. Councilmember Laws asked the Council to consider a request by Craig Simpson for curb and gutter replacement in front of his motel on Center Street. He explained that the curb is over 40 years old and has deteriorated. He further commented that the City has overlaid the street at least twice, and the resulting difference in heights causes a problem for low vehicles entering and exiting the parking lot. Mr. Simpson suggested that he would replace the sidewalk at his cost and asked the City to replace the curb and gutter.

Councilmember Laws explained that a replacement is happening on Continental Street, and he feels that consistency is important. He also stressed the importance of the project because it is a commercial property and is highly visible. Mr. Webb commented that there are always more projects than funding and that the normal procedure is to prioritize funding and complete projects in order of necessity. The City has a program in place to allow property owners to furnish the labor and the City will furnish the concrete. This allows people to participate with the City to get their project completed sooner.

Mr. Black suggested that the project could be made a priority and added to the next budget for funding. Councilmember Taylor explained that there are flooding issues in the community that might be priority over unsightly curb.

Mr. Simpson expressed that maintenance of streets and curb should be paid for by tax revenues, and he feels that there has been neglect of necessary maintenance. He thanked the Council for their time and effort working on behalf of the citizens of Blanding.

Councilmember Laws asked that the priority list be brought to the Council to determine where this project is on the list and possible funding solutions.

11. Open Forum – Chief Bayles explained that due to the new motel management of Mr. Simpson, problems involving police at the Sunset Inn have greatly decreased. He expressed appreciation to Mr. Simpson and other property owners who improve the appearance of their properties and work to eliminate criminal activity.

No other public comments were received.

12. **Councilmember Taylor moved to adjourn. Councilmember Halliday seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

By _____

Jeremy Redd, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
FEBRUARY 28, 2012
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor: Toni Turk
City Councilmembers: Charlie Taylor
David Johnson
Joe B Lyman
Kelly Laws
City Administrator: Chris Webb
Finance Director: Jeremy Redd
City Engineer: Terry Ekker
Police Chief: Lyle Bayles
General Services Director: Jeff Black
Community Development Director: Bret Hosler

Absent:

City Councilmember: Mike Halliday

Others Present: Terri Laws, Barbara Turk, Robert Ogle

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Joe B Lyman.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Laws moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the February 14, 2012 meeting. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

Councilmember Lyman

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

3. Open Forum – No public comments were given.

4. Mr. Webb presented a project status report for the City. He informed the Council that the Sewer Master Plan is proceeding and projects with cost estimates will be identified soon. Councilmember Lyman asked if there are any projected that have been identified that are a surprise to the City. Mr. Webb explained that the projects that will need to be completed on the sewer system have been identified and anticipated by the City. Mr. Ekker explained that contractors are ready to finish the road projects that were started last year. Continental Street will be the next project to be completed. Councilmember Laws asked about the sewer system upgrades in that area, and asked how they will be funded. Mr. Webb explained that the homeowners have been contacted about upgrading their sewer connections before the road improvements are completed. This will hopefully minimize future cutting of the new road for sewer repairs.

Mr. Webb also informed the Council of the progress getting approval for the Mountain Pipeline replacement and other water line projects. He told the Council that the project will probably not be completed this year because of timing issues in receiving environmental clearance from the Forest Service. He has a meeting scheduled for March 8th to discuss the project, and more details will be available after that meeting.

5. Mr. Webb asked the Council to approve a one year contract extension with Pacificorp. The contract is a load service agreement that allows power to be wheeled through City power infrastructure and sold to Pacificorp customers. The extension will allow for both existing contracts with Pacificorp to be renegotiated together in one year. **Councilmember Laws moved to approve the one year contract extension with Pacificorp. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Lyman**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

6. Mr. Redd informed the Council that he recently completed an audit with Utah Retirement Systems. One of the suggestions from the auditor was a change to the employee policy manual regarding which employees are eligible to receive retirement benefits from the City. The proposed change clarifies the language and brings the City policy in line with state requirements and guidelines. The change will come back at the next meeting as an action item.
7. Mr. Webb discussed priorities of the City staff with regards to snow removal. He explained that with the addition of the Wellness Center this winter, there is need to re-evaluate the order that each facility receives snow removal. Mr. Webb asked the Council for their input on possible changes to the policy. Councilmember Laws commented that if the Wellness Center is open at 5:30 for the public then the snow should be pushed and the facility should be ready to accept patrons. Councilmember Lyman asked if there are problems with having the employees work earlier on snow days to clear the facilities. Mr. Webb commented that it is not a major problem, but it will require scheduling changes and coordination with the crew. Advice and consent was given by the Council to add earlier shifts in the event of a heavy snowfall during the night.

8. Mr. Redd informed the Council of the proposed budget schedule. The schedule will allow the budgeting process to proceed smoothly and meet State deadlines for adoption of the fiscal year 2012-2013 budget. He pointed out May 17th as the date for the budget work session, and June 12th as the date for the vote to adopt the budget as important dates in the process.
9. Mayor Turk informed the Council that Senator Mike Lee will be holding a Town Hall Meeting in Blanding on April 4th at 7:00pm at the Arts and Events Center.
10. Open Forum - No public comments were given.
11. **Councilmember Taylor moved to adjourn. Councilmember Laws seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

By _____
Jeremy Redd, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
FEBRUARY 14, 2012
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor: Toni Turk
City Councilmembers: Charlie Taylor
David Johnson
Mike Halliday
Kelly Laws
Finance Director: Jeremy Redd
Police Chief: Lyle Bayles
General Services Director: Jeff Black
Community Development Director: Bret Hosler

Absent:

City Councilmember: Joe B Lyman

Others Present: Terri Laws, Barbara Turk, Stetler Perkins, Merle McDonald, Robert Ogle, Cindy Bayles, Rosmond Hannigan, Vicki Lacy, Philip Palmer, Lawana Palmer.

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Kelly Laws.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Laws moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the January 24, 2012 meeting. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

3. Open Forum – No public comments were given.
4. Mr. Black presented the January 2012 Natural Gas and Water Reports. Mayor Turk asked about the current water situation on the mountain. Mr. Redd explained that we are very close to normal for this time of year. Councilmember Laws commented that there is still a need for more water, since much of the water is high on the mountain which affects spring runoff.
5. Mr. Bayles presented the January 2012 Police Report. He commented that citations are up slightly, and problems are typically somewhat less during winter months when the weather is colder.

6. Mr. Redd presented the January 2012 Fire Report. There were no additional questions or comments.
7. Mr. Redd presented the January 2012 Recreation Report. Mayor Turk commented that Councilmember Lyman had questions regarding recreation that were relayed via email about the report.
8. Mr. Hosler presented the 2011 Annual Building Report. There were 42 new dwelling units constructed in Blanding, which is the second highest count in the last 23 years. Mayor Turk asked for a completion date for the new Grayson Apartments, and was told they are projected to be completed in May. Councilmember Johnson asked about future projects, including possibly new dorms at the College.

9. **Councilmember Laws moved to approve Resolution 2-14-2011-1**

Consideration for and adoption of a Parameter Resolution authorizing the issuance of Parity Water Revenue Bonds of Blanding City, San Juan County, Utah and calling of a public hearing to receive input with respect to the issuance of such Bonds and any potential impact to the private sector from the construction of the Project.

Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

10. Mayor Turk opened a discussion about the proposed Veteran's Memorial to be placed at the Blanding Visitor Center. He read the following statement:

David Turk's study concluded that a quality Veterans Memorial can be achieved for our community for \$30,000. Council would be afforded the opportunity for significant input and final approval for the project.

Blanding City and its halo have approximately 4500 people divided into 1400 households. To achieve \$30,000 each resident would have to contribute about \$7, or each household about \$22. Businesses have already contributed \$610 for this project. The Blanding City Legacy Trust would match up to about \$1500. The Blanding City Council contributed \$2500 for the County Veterans Memorial located in Monticello.

If one third of the costs can be raised from businesses, foundations, and government, the amount remaining to be raised by individuals would be less than \$5 per resident or less than \$15 per household. Clearly not every resident or household will contribute. It would take 400 gifts of \$50 to get us to \$20,000.

A concept has been devised that would allow donations to be tied to the memory of individual veterans. The resulting record would be coupled with an archival repository connected to the physical monument itself. The resulting database would become a "living" record that can evolve over time as veterans are added in the future. This monument does not have to be a static expression frozen at the point of its creation. The community is encouraged to continue to show its support for our military veterans and emergency first responders.

Mayor Turk then displayed the current copy of the Veteran's database and demonstrated to the public how the information will be stored and updated. He commented that the timing is right for the memorial project, and the community has expressed their pride in those who serve in the military and provide service from our community.

Councilmember Laws asked Mayor Turk to define those who will be eligible for the list, and was told that it is anyone who served in the military and emergency responders who have ties to Blanding. Councilmember Laws commented that it would be nice to note the ties to Blanding in the database.

Councilmember Johnson commented that there should be great support for the memorial and that the July 4th celebration would be a good time to look for community donations.

11. Councilmember Laws asked about snow and ice removal at City facilities, and specifically at the Wellness Center. He expressed concerns about letting patrons use the facilities early in the morning when there may be snow and ice present. Councilmember Taylor asked that the Council be informed if there are issues or injuries at City facilities.

Mr. Redd commented that the issue will be brought back at the next meeting as a discussion item regarding snow removal.

12. Open Forum - Lawana Palmer commented that she would like to see more direct lighting on the sidewalk at the Wellness Center.

No other public comments were received.

13. **Councilmember Taylor moved to adjourn. Councilmember Halliday seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

By _____
Jeremy Redd, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
JANUARY 24, 2012
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor: Toni Turk
City Councilmembers: Charlie Taylor
Joe Lyman
Mike Halliday
Kelly Laws
David Johnson
City Administrator: Chris Webb
Finance Director: Jeremy Redd
Police Chief: Lyle Bayles
City Engineer: Terry Ekker
General Services Director: Jeff Black
Community Development Director: Bret Hosler

Others Present: Teryl Pugh, Corey Workman, Eva Workman, David Perkins, Torri Perkins, Hanson Perkins, Gil Keith, Jennie L. Keith, Mitzi Bayles, Rodney Workman, Betty Workman, Terri Laws, Barbara Turk, Kasen Taylor, Jared Webb, Tanner Johnson, Jens Jones, BJ Pehrson, Kolean Spillman, Stockton Palmer, Cleal Bradford, Wm Ellis Palmer, Philip Palmer, Lawana Palmer, Clint Black, Carver Black, Jennifer Winder, Sarah Hall, Lyle Palmer, Luke Palmer, Hal Palmer, Julie Lucero, Kurtis Pugh, Kerry Shumway, Dillon Shumway, Roger H. Yazzie Sr., Rolando Yazzie, Luke Blake, Robert Blake, Tom Winder, Terry Winder.

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Mayor Toni Turk.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. Mayor Turk gave a special presentation to family members of men who have given their lives in service to others:

"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." John 15:13
The past dozen years have seen a number of valiant men with ties to our community lay down their lives in service to others. These untimely deaths have caused the Blanding City Council and Mayor to seek a way of expressing our community's appreciation for their sacrifice. A first step was to cause a special medallion to be struck honoring these men for presentation to their loved ones. A second step has been to reignite the discussion of a community veterans' memorial to honor all those that serve, but highlighting those making the ultimate sacrifice – whether in the military or as emergency responders.

Previously, others also gave such service and made such sacrifice. We also honor them. There were two known such deaths in World War I, ten in World War II, one in Vietnam and one in law enforcement. Probably these earlier KIAs were honored by our community, but we still want to acknowledge them. A City's medallion is presented to honor Spec. 5 Lyle Clint Palmer 5/12/1969 US Army, which will be placed on permanent display in the veterans' memorial symbolically honoring all of our heroes. Lyle's brothers Ellis and Philip represent his family.

Family Presentations:

- Lance Cpl. Quinn Archie Keith 9/6/2004 US Marine Corps – Gil Keith
- Detective Kevin Shumway Orr 11/21/2006 Uintah County Sheriff's Office – Gene & Claudia Orr
- Sgt. 1st Class Nathan Lloyd Winder 6/26/2007 US Army Special Forces – Tom & Teri Winder
- Sgt. 1st Class James Earl Thode 12/2/2010 Utah National Guard – presented on 12/9/2011
- Petty Officer 1st Class Jason Workman 8/5/2011 US Navy Seal – Rodney & Betty Workman
- Chief Warrant Officer 3 Steven B. Redd 8/8/2011 US Army Aviation – David Perkins

Each family was presented with a silver coin recognizing their service and sacrifice to others, and family members were provided with an opportunity to make comments. The tribute was concluded with a standing ovation by those in attendance.

3. **Councilmember Laws moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the January 10, 2012 meeting. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Those Abstaining

Councilmember Johnson

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

4. Open Forum – No public comments were received.
5. Mr. Webb presented the Project Status Report. He explained that the preliminary sewer master plan was presented, and changes are being made. The final plan will be presented to the Council upon completion. Street projects have been suspended until spring. Mr. Webb informed the Council that the City Office Remodel project has been completed, and sprinklers and grass are planned for the old swimming pool lot this spring.

6. **Councilmember Lyman moved to approve Ordinance 2012-1 Amending the Ordinance Pertaining to Accessory Buildings. Councilmember Halliday seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion.** Councilmember Lyman explained that the proposed change would require four feet between accessory buildings. This change would help deter people from skirting the building codes and erecting buildings essentially larger than 16x16. Councilmember Taylor expressed concerns with limiting the property rights of citizens to build accessory buildings on their property. He commented that the existing laws are already violated if the buildings are connected, and he expressed opposition to enacting further regulation. Councilmember Lyman commented that the Planning Commission felt the issue needed to be clarified in the ordinance to determine how far apart the buildings should be from one another. Mr. Redd asked about a grandfather clause and was told that everyone with existing buildings closer than four feet would be exempt from the new regulation. Mr. Webb commented that when properties adjoin one another, it is the responsibility of the City to determine allowed use. This protects both property owners from infringement of rights. He stated that he has received complaints from citizens regarding the matter who feel that it is an infringement of their rights to allow this to happen.

Mayor Turk explained that dog kennels have been an issue in the past, with many kennels built together to make large accessory buildings that if seen as one building would violate City building codes. Councilmember Halliday expressed his trust in the Planning Commission and explained that he feels they have looked at it from all angles.

Councilmember Laws commented that the City Council is the decision making body, and while the Planning Commission makes suggestions, they do not govern the City Council nor do they have the authority to make decisions for Council. He commented that zoning ordinances are the cost of living together in a community. Ordinances are enacted because people do not always think about their neighbors. Mr. Webb reminded the Council that a public meeting was held and no community members spoke in support or opposition to the proposed ordinance changes.

Mayor Turk called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

Councilmember Taylor

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

7. Mayor Turk moved to appoint Kathy Hurst to the Planning Commission. Advice and consent was given to make the appointment.

8. Councilmember Lyman discussed the composition of the Planning Commission. He explained that the State of Utah discourages City Council members from serving as voting members on the Commission. It can be seen as a conflict since the City Council is the appeal board for Planning Commission decisions. He suggested the possibility of leaving the Councilmember on the Commission, but making them a non-voting member. Mr. Webb commented that there have been no complaints from citizens, but the change was suggested by the State during training.

Councilmember Laws expressed his desire to maintain strong Council representation on the Commission to avoid the Planning Commission wasting time and resources by working on recommendations that are likely not to be approved by the Council.

9. Mr. Webb updated the Council on water project funding. He expressed optimism that there will be enough money in the project to fund an additional project on Grayson Parkway that will improve fire flow and the overall water system. He further commented that the City is looking at a separate project to add pipeline to a ditch that brings water to the City from Dry Wash Reservoir.
10. Mayor Turk informed the Council of the passing of Councilmember Taylor's father, Sheldon Taylor, and expressed his condolences to him for his loss.
11. Councilmember Johnson informed the Council that he has not received sufficient interest from the High School to form a community Youth Council. The City would have to pursue the project without the school.
12. Councilmember Lyman asked about grant funding for printing the City brochure, and was told that an application has been submitted to the County for \$3800 to print 10,000 brochures. Mr. Webb commented that he expected a favorable response.
13. Open Forum – No public comments were received.
14. **Councilmember Taylor moved to adjourn. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Johnson**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

By _____
Jeremy Redd, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
JANUARY 10, 2012
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor: Toni Turk
City Councilmembers: Charlie Taylor
Joe Lyman
Mike Halliday
Kelly Laws
City Administrator: Chris Webb
Finance Director: Jeremy Redd
Police Chief: Lyle Bayles
City Engineer: Terry Ekker
General Services Director: Jeff Black
Community Development Director: Bret Hosler
Recreation Director: David Palmer

Absent:

City Councilmember: David Johnson

Others Present: Terri Laws, JR Kemner, Laura Kemner, Robert Ogle, Liz Adams, Bill Haven, Neil Joslin.

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Chris Webb.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. Mayor Turk performed the swearing in of Councilmembers Joe B Lyman and Kelly Laws. Councilmember David Johnson was ill and will be sworn in at a later date.
3. **Councilmember Laws moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the December 13, 2011 meeting. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion.** Councilmember Lyman asked if the City has applied for a grant with the County for reprinting the Blanding brochure, and was told that a new form is now available and the grant will be applied for. **Mayor Turk called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

4. Open Forum – Bill Haven addressed the Council and reported that he had a water leak on his side of the meter on his raw water tap. When he became aware of the break his bill was \$139 when his usual bill is around \$30. He spoke with Mr. Webb and was told that water leaks are the responsibility of the water user when they are on their side of the meter, and he was not eligible for a reduction in charges. Mr. Haven asked the Council to consider his situation and reduce the charge.

Councilmember Laws commented that in the past the Council has been unwilling to reduce the charges since water is a scarce resource and cannot be easily replenished. Mayor Turk explained to Mr. Haven that if a member of the Council would like to take up the issue they will bring it back as a discussion item at a future meeting.

5. Mr. Black presented the December 2011 Natural Gas and Water Reports. Mayor Turk asked about the current water situation on the mountain. Mr. Webb explained that we are currently at about 33% of a normal water year. Councilmember Laws commented that many years we receive heavy moisture in March and April, so it is possible that we will still have a good water year.

Councilmember Halliday asked if the new apartments on the West side of the community will be using Natural Gas. He was told that they are adding 33 new connections.

6. Mr. Bayles presented the December 2011 Police Report. Councilmember Laws asked about consistency between officers from month to month. Mr. Bayles told him that two officers worked few days last months due to vacation and training. Councilmember Laws asked that hours worked be added to the report so the Council can judge effectiveness for the month.

Mr. Bayles informed the Council of two grants that have been received by the department for equipment. He also informed the Council that he has been reaching out to the community to raise awareness of police issues and inform people how the department operates. He is planning some public meetings to make sure the police are meeting the needs of the public.

Mayor Turk asked Mr. Bayles to clarify why many police officers congregate at a local gas station. Mr. Bayles explained that it is to share information between officers and departments, and to build interagency cooperation.

7. Mr. Webb presented the December 2011 Fire Report. There were no additional questions or comments.
8. Mr. Palmer presented the December 2011 Recreation Report. He commented that it is a busy recreation time with basketball in full swing. He informed the Council that there will be a public meeting to discuss possible changes to baseball this Tuesday at 7:00.

9. **Councilmember Lyman moved to enter a public hearing regarding a change to the City Ordinance Permitting Accessory Buildings. Councilmember Laws seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion.** Mr. Hosler explained that the proposed changes to the ordinance clarify that accessory buildings must be at least 4 feet apart in order to be considered separate buildings. **Mayor Turk called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Neil Joslin asked if accessory buildings referred to sheds and other small buildings in yards. Councilmember Lyman explained that an accessory building would be a shed or other building, and this change refers only to buildings that are less than 16' x 16'.

Liz Adams, President of the Planning Commission, commented that this change will clarify the spirit of the law and allow the ordinance to be enforced as originally intended. She also informed the Council that she will be resigning from the Planning Commission after spending many years serving on the board.

Councilmember Laws moved to leave the public hearing regarding a change to the City Ordinance Permitting Accessory Buildings. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

10. **Councilmember Taylor moved to approve Resolution 1-10-2012-1 Appointing Officers of the City of Blanding. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion.** Mr. Webb explained that the Council is required by law to appoint the officers of the City after each City election. **Mayor Turk called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

11. **Councilmember Laws moved to award the engineering on the mountain pipeline project to Hansen, Allen & Luce. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion.** Mr. Webb explained that the recommendation is to award the contract to Hansen, Allen & Luce, and that they were the low bidder. The City is confident in their ability, and they were the low bidder even after adjustments were made to equalize the number of weeks for completion of the project. Mr. Ekker explained that they are one of the premier firms in Utah in terms of water projects. **Mayor Turk called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

12. Mr. Webb discussed project and funding option with the Council for an upcoming water project. He explained that the USDA will help fund an additional water project with a 71%/29% split, which is favorable to the City. The project would require the City to take an additional \$258,000 loan with a yearly payment of \$17,341. The City is able to get such a favorable loan to grant mix partly because it can become part of the larger water project already funded.

He further explained that with the census that has just been completed, the adjusted gross income for Blanding will increase, which will make Blanding City less able to receive such generous funding splits in the future. He also commented on the possibility of receiving loan forgiveness from the San Juan Water Conservancy District to cover the additional debt. Mr. Webb also asked the Council for approval to add a pipeline from Dry Wash Reservoir to the existing project if the construction costs allow for additional work to be completed.

Councilmember Lyman commented that the positives seem to be more than the negatives. Councilmember Laws expressed support for continuing to pursue the additional funding. Advice and consent was given to add the Dry Wash Reservoir pipeline contingent of funding being available, and to pursue additional grant and loan funding with the USDA to complete an additional water project. More information will be presented to the Council as it becomes available.

13. Open Forum – No public comments were received.

14. **Councilmember Halliday moved to retire to Executive Session. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Mayor and Council retired to executive session at 8:14 pm.

Mayor and Council returned to regular session at 8:51 pm.

15. **Councilmember Taylor moved to adjourn. Councilmember Halliday seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

By _____
Jeremy Redd, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
DECEMBER 13, 2011
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor: Toni Turk
City Councilmembers: David Johnson
Charlie Taylor
Joe Lyman
Mike Halliday
Kelly Laws
City Administrator: Chris Webb
Finance Director: Jeremy Redd
Police Chief: Lyle Bayles
City Engineer: Terry Ekker
Community Development Director: Bret Hosler
Fire Chief: Craig Stanley

Others Present: Terri Laws, Merle McDonald, Neil Joslin, Kay Shumway, Wendy Johnstun, Cindy Bayles, Robert Ogle, Carol Richmond, Bill Haven, Doug Christensen, Brian Kirby.

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Jeremy Redd.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Johnson moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the November 22, 2011 meeting. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

3. Open Forum – Bill Haven addressed the Council representing the Blanding Area Travel Council. He explained that the Travel Council is planning to reprint the Blanding brochure that is given to visitors. Last year 5,000 brochures were distributed. The cost to print 10,000 additional brochures is \$3,800 and they are asking the City to pay half of the printing cost. The Travel Council is requesting the other half of the funding from San Juan County. It was discussed that this type of expense is perfect for the use of County Transient Room Tax Funds, and the Council hoped that the County would pay the entire cost of the printing using those funds. It was determined that the City and the Travel Council would each apply for grant funding from the County to print the brochure.
4. Mr. Webb presented the November 2011 Natural Gas and Water Reports. There were no additional questions or comments.
5. Mr. Bayles presented the November 2011 Police Report. He reported that cases are up and the department has 11.4 contacts per day. He further explained that the County has formed a tactical team for serving warrants, and three of his officers are involved in the team.
6. Mr. Stanley presented the November 2011 Fire Report. There were no additional questions or comments.
7. Mr. Webb presented the November 2011 Recreation Report. He commented that the yearly renewals for the Wellness Center are coming due in February 2012. He explained that the City is looking at joining with Babe Ruth baseball for the upcoming season, and there is an information meeting in Moab to further investigate the possibility. The "Tree-For-All" was held at the Wellness Center this year and the event was a success.
8. **Councilmember Taylor moved to approve the purchase of a fire truck from Rosenbauer for \$322,118, contingent on confirmation of Community Impact Board Funding. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion.** Mr. Webb explained that part of the funding is coming from the CIB, and the project was approved and moved to the priority list for funding. The meeting to officially commit the funds will be held in February. Although the funding is very secure, the Council decided not to order the truck until after the CIB funding meeting. **Mayor Turk called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

9. Mr. Redd presented the Holiday Schedule and City Council Meeting Schedule for 2012 for Council approval. The list contains similar holidays from previous years, and Council will be held the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month with a few exceptions. **Councilmember Halliday moved to approve the Holiday Schedule and City Council Meeting Schedule for 2012. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

10. **Councilmember Johnson moved to approve Resolution 12-13-2011-1 Increasing the Budget for Electrical Capital Outlay. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion.** Mr. Webb explained that the City has saved money for many years in the Electric company to pay for additions and upgrades to the electrical system. This resolution authorizes the expenditure of \$100,000 in electrical savings for system improvements and upgrades related to the development of a new housing complex. The developer of the complex has paid connection fees that will cover much of the cost. This resolution authorizes the additional expenditure in the budget. Councilmember Lyman clarified that the money being spent is in savings and is not debt. He further clarified that the increased expenditure of funds will have no affect on rates. Mr. Webb explained that rates will not be impacted, and the money has been saved in previous years. Councilmember Laws commented that this represents good planning on the part of the City to have savings available for this type of a situation. **Mayor Turk called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

11. The City Council discussed pursuing the sale of the baseball field adjacent to the LDS South Chapel to the LDS church. Mr. Webb explained that the City has been working with the LDS Church to seek participation in the redevelopment of the old swimming pool lot, and the LDS Church has expressed interest in purchasing the south portion of that property to create a parking lot as part of that process. The parking lot would be used by the Church and the Elementary School.

Councilmember Lyman explained that there is no done deal, only that the Church has expressed an interest in purchasing the property. He commented on the issue of removing green space in the community to add pavement. He explained that he has received a balanced mix of responses from the community.

Councilmember Laws explained that he has no sentimental attachment to the field, and people he has talked to are split on whether the field should be sold or not. He asked what the City will gain by selling the property. He commented that he is generally opposed to selling land or water. He would only consider voting to sell the land if the City were to receive something of equal or better value.

Mr. Webb explained that funds from the sale of the park could be used to improve the City facilities on the North part of the property where the old swimming pool was located. He commented that selling the property could result in helping to meet the needs of the LDS church, the City and the School District.

Councilmember Taylor expressed concerns with selling the property. He commented that it is not just used for baseball but is an asset for the community. He commented that many people have approached him and asked him to not sell the property.

Councilmember Halliday asked if the Church would be interested in the North half of the property where the swimming pool was located. Carol Richmond explained that the Church was only interested in the property where the baseball field is located. She explained that it will help with congestion and traffic flow for the chapel.

Councilmember Johnson commented that if the Council sells the field they will not approve building a new field in the future. He expressed opposition to pursuing the sale. Carol Richmond commented that the City began the discussion process with the church. President Doug Christensen, representing the LDS Church, commented that the church is not pushing to force a sale, but is only investigating options.

There was no motion made to pursue the sale of the property.

12. Mr. Webb informed the Council of the City Christmas Party that will be held on December 15th at 6:00pm at the Arts & Events Center.
13. Councilmember Laws commented on the City Office remodel. He expressed gratitude to those who worked on the process, and expressed pleasure with the results.
14. Open Forum – Mr. Bayles expressed his opinion that there is still a need for another police officer. He explained that the issues facing the department are getting worse and there are communication issues that are causing problems for his officers.

15. **Councilmember Halliday moved to retire to Executive Session. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Mayor and Council retired to executive session at 8:19 pm.

Mayor and Council returned to regular session at 8:32 pm.

16. **Councilmember Laws moved to approve Resolution 12-13-2011-2 Approving Payment of Withheld Liquidated Damages on the 4th Reservoir Project. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

17. **Councilmember Taylor moved to adjourn. Councilmember Halliday seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

By _____
Jeremy Redd, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
NOVEMBER 22, 2011
AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE ARTS & EVENTS CENTER**

Present:

Mayor: Toni Turk
City Councilmembers: David Johnson
Charlie Taylor
Joe Lyman
Mike Halliday
City Administrator: Chris Webb
Finance Director: Jeremy Redd
Police Chief: Lyle Bayles
City Engineer: Terry Ekker
Community Development Director: Bret Hosler

Absent:

City Councilmember: Kelly Laws

Others Present: Robert Ogle, Merle McDonald, Mike Northern, Lt. Williams, Karenita Kantsee.

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Councilmember David Johnson

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Lyman moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the October 25, 2011 meeting. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Johnson**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

3. Mayor Turk read a prepared statement to the Council:

"In my Monday morning meeting with the police chief, I was informed of a disgraceful act that occurred over the weekend. Vandals cut the rope on the Workman's flag pole and stole the three flags that flew there, including the Seal flag that honored their fallen son and community hero Jason Workman. I am outraged, as I believe the community is. It was a despicable act.

I am calling upon anyone in the community with knowledge of this atrocious offense to tell what they know to one of our police officers or the City Office. This cannot go unanswered. On behalf of our community I extend to the Workman family our grief for the disrespect that has been shown."

4. Open Forum – No public comments were received.

5. Lt. Williams addressed the Council representing the Utah Army National Guard. He spoke about the Community Covenant Program, which is a program that formalizes the relationship between the community and the military members and their families. He explained that the formalization allows for better coordination of services for families of deployed soldiers. He commented that in a town like Blanding that has shown such great support for the military in the past, this is merely a formality. He asked for Council approval to formally join the Covenant Community Program.

The Council broke from the usual protocol and determined to take immediate action. Councilmember Lyman asked what changes would come from joining the program. He was told that enhanced information exchange between the community and the military would be the greatest change. It would also give the community an opportunity to formalize its support. Advice and consent was given to join the Community Covenant Program.

There was discussion to determine who the signatories should be for the formal document. It was determined that more thought would be given to who should sign on behalf of the community.

6. Mr. Webb presented the Project Status Report. He informed the Council that the City Office remodel will be finished in time for the Council meeting on December 13. Road projects in the community are 75-90% completed. The Council discussed the pavilion project and whether or not it should remain on the project list. Mr. Webb explained that it was approved by the Council, but the project can be removed from the list if they choose.
7. Chief Bayles presented the October 2011 Police Report. He reported 8.8 contacts per day for the department. He also discussed the flag theft at the Workman residence, and reported that the department is investigating the incident and there are solid leads in the case.
8. Mr. Webb presented the October 2011 Fire Report. He reported that there was a structure fire that destroyed a home, but all the occupants were unharmed and insurance is taking care of the family.

9. Mr. Webb presented the October 2011 Recreation Report. He reported continued good support for the Wellness Center. There was a large wrestling tournament held there last month that brought a lot of people in to the community for the day. Councilmember Taylor asked if there has been a change made to allow those 12 years old and older to use the gym, and was told that a decision has not yet been made.
10. Mr. Webb informed the Council of the November 8, 2011 election results, and asked the Council to officially canvass the election. **Councilmember Johnson moved to accept the canvass and approve the results of the November 8, 2011 election.**

David Johnson – 314

Kelly Laws – 285

Joe B Lyman – 305

Robert G. Ogle – 273

James Slavens – 190

Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Taylor**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

11. Mr. Webb recommended the hiring of Teryl Pugh as a Natural Gas Tech / Field Maintenance Tech. A hiring committee chose Teryl from more than 20 qualified applicants. **Councilmember Halliday moved to approve the hiring of Teryl Pugh as a Natural Gas Tech / Field Maintenance Tech. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Taylor**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

12. **Councilmember Taylor moved to award the contract for the Starvation Reservoir project to S&S Construction for \$610,231.39 contingent on cost overrun approval from the USDA. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion.** Mr. Webb explained that S&S was the low bidder, and he recommended awarding the contract. He explained that unless the USDA approves the cost overruns, the project will not continue as planned. Councilmember Johnson asked if the City is comfortable with the contractor, and Mr. Webb and Mr. Ekker both expressed their comfort with the contractor. They have worked for the City many times, and have always produced quality work. Councilmember Johnson asked if the contractor will be bonded, and was told that they would be required to post a bond. Councilmember Lyman asked where S&S is located, and was told they are from Moab. **Mayor Turk called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Taylor**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

13. Mr. Webb presented the CIB project list for the Council to review. He mentioned that this list is submitted yearly to the Association of Governments. This is the beginning of the formal process for getting projects funded by the CIB. There were no questions or concerns from the Council. Mr. Webb was given advice and consent to submit the list as presented.
14. Councilmember Lyman discussed a possible change to the Accessory Building ordinance. He explained that the Planning Commission has discussed changing the ordinance to require that each accessory building on a property be at least 4 feet apart from each other. This will discourage people from skirting building codes or creating unsightliness in the community. The issue will come back for public hearing at a subsequent meeting.
15. Mayor Turk informed the Council of a complaint that he received from a citizen whose neighbors security lights are invading her personal space. Mr. Webb explained that the City's nuisance ordinance deals with complaints of this nature, but there is no specific light pollution ordinance. Karenita Kantsee spoke to the issue, and explained that she has tried to fix the situation by approaching her neighbors directly but has not been able to reach a successful resolution to the situation. She further explained that she has invested in special blinds to block the light from her home. Chief Bayles offered to work with her and her neighbors to try to broker a solution to the problem.
16. Mr. Webb explained that the mountain pipeline replacement project was moved to the priority list for funding by the CIB and the City needs to advertise a request for proposal for engineering services on the project. Advice and consent was given to send out the RFP.
17. Mr. Webb informed the Council about the rededication and renaming of the National Guard Armory that will take place on December 9 at 1:00pm.

18. Mr. Webb reminded the Council about the City Christmas Party that will be held on December 15th at the Arts and Events Center.
19. Mr. Webb informed the Council that due to development on the West side of the community the electrical system will need upgrades. He indicated that the City has saved money for several years to pay for system upgrades, but that since they were not planned this year they were not budgeted. He informed the Council that he will be seeking a \$93,000 addition to the budget to pay for the system upgrades.
20. Open Forum - No public comments were received.
21. **Councilmember Lyman moved to retire to Executive Session. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Taylor**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Mayor and Council retired to executive session at 8:42 pm.

Mayor and Council returned to regular session at 9:05 pm.

22. **Councilmember Taylor moved to adjourn. Councilmember Halliday seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Halliday**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

By _____
Jeremy Redd, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
OCTOBER 25, 2011
AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE ARTS & EVENTS CENTER**

Present:

Mayor: Toni Turk
City Councilmembers: David Johnson
Kelly Laws
Joe Lyman
Mike Halliday
City Administrator: Chris Webb
Finance Director: Jeremy Redd
Police Chief: Lyle Bayles
City Engineer: Terry Ekker
Community Development Director: Bret Hosler
General Services Director: Jeff Black

Absent:

City Councilmember: Charlie Taylor

Others Present: Terri Laws, Robert Ogle, Diane Carroll, Scott Young.

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Councilmember Joe Lyman.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Johnson moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the October 11, 2011 meeting. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Johnson**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

3. Open Forum – No public comments were received.
4. Diane Carroll addressed the Council representing the Kigalia Fine Arts Council. She explained that the Council has been in existence for over 30 years. Recently the Utah Fine Arts Council has discontinued the funding of local arts programs. She asked the Council for a donation of \$1000 towards the programs for this season. Chris asked Mrs. Carroll to clarify that there are 5 programs this year, and also asked if the money will support one particular program or all of the programs this year. Mrs. Carroll explained that there will be 5 programs and the donation would support all of the programs.

Councilmember Lyman expressed his desire to support the arts, and his opinion that supporting the arts is within the scope of the City Council. He also expressed the desire to see Kigalia support itself and operate more like a business. Councilmember Laws explained that the City has cut back on almost all donations in the past few years. He expressed a desire to keep community donations to a minimum. Councilmember Johnson asked if tickets were good for the performances in Monticello as well, and was told that they are.

5. Mr. Webb explained that the operators of the “Tree For All” would like to hold the event at the Wellness Center this year rather than the Arts and Events Center as in years past. He commented that David Palmer has approved holding the event there with the approval of the Council. Councilmember Laws commented that the event has outgrown its current venue and expressed his support for using the Wellness Center. Advice and consent was given to hold the event at the Wellness Center.
6. **Councilmember Lyman moved to approve a donation of \$1000 to the Kigalia Fine Arts Council. The donation is for this year only and constitutes no future intent to donate. Councilmember Halliday seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion.** Councilmember Johnson discussed whether this should be a \$500 donation rather than \$1000. Councilmember Laws expressed concern that they will expect to receive funding each year, and he wanted to make sure it was known that this funding is for this year only with no future funding available. Councilmember Laws asked why grants are no longer available through the Utah Arts Council, and was told that it is due to budget cuts at the State level. **Mayor Turk called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

7. Mr. Webb explained that the election will be held on November 8th, and he recommended that the Council cancel their meeting scheduled for that night to allow for voting. **Councilmember Lyman moved to cancel the November 8, 2011 City Council Meeting. Councilmember Laws seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

8. Mr. Webb asked the Council to approve the sale of the City travel vehicle for \$26,500 to purchase a new vehicle for the same amount. Advice and consent was given to approve the sale of the vehicle if a buyer is found.
9. Mr. Webb reminded the Council and community that the election will be held on November 8, 2011 at the Library. The venue has been changed due to the city office renovation.
10. Mr. Webb informed the Council that he and the Mayor will be presenting to the Community Impact Board on November 3rd in Moab. The City is requesting funding for a new mountain pipeline and a fire engine.
11. Open Forum – Scott Young asked if there was a meet the candidates night planned before the election. Mr. Webb explained that there is no meet the candidates night planned at this time.
12. **Councilmember Laws moved to retire to Executive Session. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Mayor and Council retired to executive session at 7:41 pm.

Mayor and Council returned to regular session at 8:25 pm.

13. **Councilmember Laws moved to adjourn. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Halliday**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

By _____
Jeremy Redd, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
OCTOBER 11, 2011
AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE ARTS & EVENTS CENTER**

Present:

Mayor: Toni Turk
City Councilmembers: Charlie Taylor
David Johnson
Kelly Laws
Joe Lyman
Mike Halliday
City Administrator: Chris Webb
Finance Director: Jeremy Redd
Police Chief: Lyle Bayles
Fire Chief: Craig Stanley
Recreation Director: David Palmer

Others Present: Barbara Turk, Robert Ogle, Laura Kemner.

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Kelly Laws.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Laws moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the September 27, 2011 meeting. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion.** Councilmember Lyman asked that the words "thoughts and expressions" be added to the minutes under #8. **Mayor Turk called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

3. Open Forum – No public comments were given.
4. Mayor Turk reported on the Mayor's Conference that he attended in Gallup, NM. He explained that the meeting was very beneficial and important to attend, and he was encouraged by the comments that were made by officials of the Navajo Nation as well as the other Mayors in attendance. He reported about an open forum discussion involving the police chiefs in the area addressing their concerns and issues. He commented that the City should expect to receive a response from the tribe on changes to the proposed MOU in the next 15 days.

5. Mr. Webb presented the September 2011 Water Report. There were no questions or comments.
6. Chief Bayles presented the September 2011 Police Report. He commented that all of the statistics are up for the month due mostly to a roadblock that was conducted. He reported that arrests were made after a successful heroin distribution investigation, and the perpetrator has been booked on multiple felony charges. Mr. Webb asked about the graffiti and was told that an investigation is in progress.
7. Mr. Palmer presented the September 2011 Recreation Report. He commented that although the pool is closed, the Wellness Center is being used heavily and is very busy. Councilmember Lyman asked that the number of competitors for each sport be added to the report. Mr. Palmer added that girls basketball will begin next month and the participation is expected to be double that of the previous year.
8. **Councilmember Lyman moved to adopt Resolution 10-11-2011-1 Updating Electrical Utility Policies and Procedures. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

9. Councilmember Laws began a discussion about streets and roads and the ongoing projects that are occurring in the City. He explained that he has received complaints from citizens about roads under construction and seemingly slow progress by the contractors. He expressed concern about contract penalties being charged and stressed that contractors need to be held to the penalty amounts in order to make sure projects are completed on time. Councilmember Laws further expressed disappointment in the paving contractor for consistently pushing paving in Blanding until late in the season when it is increasingly too late to pave roads. He feels that the last two years have been worse than before as the contractor has taken on too much work to finish in a timely manner. He expressed his strong opinion that there should not be a contract entered into by the City without a deadline and severe penalties for missing the deadline.

Councilmember Taylor expressed concern that roads have been excavated and not worked on for four weeks. He further expressed concerns about paving in cold weather. Councilmember Laws expressed that he feels they have a desire to do a quality job and the asphalt has passed the required inspections, but asphalt should not be laid this late in the season each year.

Mayor Turk expressed similar concerns, and commented that the road adjacent to his home has been excavated four times. Time and effort could have been saved by patching the road immediately instead of repeating work that had already been completed. Councilmember Lyman expressed his desire to work with the contractors as a partnership rather than an adversary. He explained that the City would like to see the work completed by working together.

Mr. Webb addressed the concerns of the Council, and explained that the contractor has taken on too much work which has pushed them past their capabilities. He explained that he is engaged in daily communication with the contractor and they are aware that the City is displeased with the handling and timing of the work.

10. Mr. Webb informed the Council that the CIB has approved \$1,000,000 in funding for water distribution system improvements. He explained that the money will be used to improve unserved and underserved areas in the community.
11. Mr. Webb informed the Council that Governor Herbert will be visiting Blanding on October 13th at 3:00 at the Edge of the Cedars Museum. He will be there to meet the public and the Council is invited to attend.
12. Mr. Webb informed the Council that early voting will be held at the City Office from October 25th to November 3rd. The General Election voting will occur on November 8th at the library rather than the City Office due to renovations.
13. Open Forum - No public comments were given.
14. **Councilmember Taylor moved to retire to Executive Session. Councilmember Halliday seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Mayor and Council retired to executive session at 7:54 pm.

Mayor and Council returned to regular session at 9:03 pm.

15. **Councilmember Laws moved to adjourn. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Halliday**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

By _____
Jeremy Redd, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
SEPTEMBER 27, 2011
AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE ARTS & EVENTS CENTER**

Present:

Mayor: Toni Turk

City Councilmembers: Charlie Taylor
David Johnson
Kelly Laws
Joe Lyman
Mike Halliday

City Administrator: Chris Webb

Finance Director: Jeremy Redd

Police Chief: Lyle Bayles

City Engineer: Terry Ekker

Community Development Director: Bret Hosler

General Services Director: Jeff Black

Others Present: Robert Ogle, Carol Richmond, Cindy Bayles, Jared Hillhouse, Merle McDonald, David Turk, Donna Turk, Dianne Carroll, JR Kemner, Mrs. Kemner, Wendy Johnstun, Joel Tate.

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Mayor Toni Turk.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Lyman moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the September 13, 2011 meeting. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Johnson**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Those Absent

Councilmember Laws

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

3. Open Forum – Carol Richmond addressed the Council representing the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. She explained that the church would like to purchase the land adjacent to the South Chapel that is currently owned by the City and used as a little league baseball field. She commented that the church has spent considerable funds determining the cost of renovating the old meeting house, and they have determined to remodel the facility. The purchase of the property would allow for additional parking during meetings and funerals. Councilmember Halliday asked if the church would be interested in the north end of the lot and was told that they are only interested in the south end that is currently a baseball field. Mr. Webb asked if the decision to remodel the chapel was contingent on purchasing the property, and Mrs. Richmond commented that it was not and that the church had determined to renovate the building regardless of the land purchase. She also stressed that the parking would benefit the elementary school that is located across the street.

David Turk addressed the Council regarding the proposed veterans memorial. He showed renderings of possible memorial designs with cost estimates. The base cost for a simple memorial will be \$7,500 which includes the granite monument and laser etched names. He informed the Council that the issue is moving forward and donations from the community are appreciated and accepted. Councilmember Johnson asked if a site has been chosen for the memorial and was told that the Visitor Center is currently the preferred location.

Diane Carroll addressed the Council representing the Kigalia Fine Arts Council. She asked the Council for a \$1,000 donation to help facilitate the BYU Living Legend dancers who are coming to perform in October. She expressed the feeling that this program will help promote a positive culture in the area.

4. Mr. Webb presented the Project Status Report. Mr. Webb commented that there are a lot of simultaneous projects and he appreciates the patience of citizens while the City is undergoing improvements. He commented that the asphalt phase of the road work will begin in earnest on October 17th.

5. **Councilmember Taylor moved to enter a public hearing regarding a CIB Application. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Mr. Webb explained that the City is applying to the CIB for funding as part of ongoing budgeting and capital project planning. The City has identified replacement of the mountain water transmission line and the purchase of a new fire truck as needs, and is planning to approach the CIB for grant funding to help facilitate the projects. He further explained that the City is looking for a \$750,000 loan at 0% interest for 20 years and a \$2,000,000 grant for the pipeline. Water rates will not need to be increased to pay for the new loan, because they were increased in July in anticipation of the loan. The fire truck will require funding of around \$330,000. The City will request 50% from the CIB with the remainder funded from savings.

Marilyn Boynton asked if the City had approached Commissioner Bruce Adams, who sits on the CIB board, about the proposed funding. She was informed that the funding package had been discussed with Commissioner Adams. No other public comments were received.

6. **Councilmember Taylor moved to leave the public hearing regarding the CIB application. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE	Councilmember Taylor
	Councilmember Lyman
	Councilmember Johnson
	Councilmember Halliday
	Councilmember Laws

Those voting NAY	NONE
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Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

7. **Councilmember Laws moved approve Resolution 9-27-2011-1 Starvation Reservoir and Loan Refinancing. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Mr. Webb explained that as part of the loan requirements for repairing the reservoir and refinancing existing water debt, the City must adopt a resolution of intent to proceed with the bonding. He asked the Council to approve the resolution to approve proceeding with the USDA loan. Mayor Turk called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE	Councilmember Taylor
	Councilmember Lyman
	Councilmember Johnson
	Councilmember Halliday
	Councilmember Laws

Those voting NAY	NONE
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Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

8. Mayor Turk opened a discussion about relationships with the Navajo Nation. He explained that the Nation has approached the City about entering into a memorandum of understanding between the two entities. The outline of the agreement would allow either side to discuss perceived grievances during a non-binding discussion. He further explained that the preamble to the document is in question, because the Navajo Nation would like the City to acknowledge past injustices globally, and the City would prefer to make any issues more specific in the language.

Mayor Turk also informed the Council and the Community that the proposed voting district changes that divide Blanding into three distinct districts are unacceptable and he proposed creating a district of the 84511 area code. He also discussed the idea of dividing San Juan County to form a separate county for the Navajo Nation. He informed the Council that he will be meeting with the Navajo Nation in a meeting with other Mayors in Gallup in October.

Mr. Webb explained that he and the Mayor met with officials from the Navajo Nation and they understood that problems go both ways and their intent was to help the City. He commented that it was good to hear their desire that unfair perceptions do not occur against our community or theirs.

Councilmember Lyman explained that he is irritated that race is part of the discussion at all. He feels that the real issue is one of taxation and representation, and it is not the domain of the City to regulate the thoughts of its citizens. He expressed fear at the direction the discussions are heading, and commented that there are laws in place to enforce correct behavior and it is the intent of the City to enforce those laws. Councilmember Laws expressed agreement with Councilmember Lyman and encouraged the City to be careful in the direction it is headed.

Mayor Turk expressed his encouragement that Blanding City has a voice in the proceedings. He guaranteed that the Council will have final approval of the language of the document before it is signed. Councilmember Taylor questioned the memorandum and what it will solve. He expressed skepticism about any real and lasting change.

9. Mr. Webb commented that during the last Council meeting a budget scope change was granted by the Council. He expressed concern that there may have been an inadvertent change in policy regarding the use of departmental budgets. There was discussion by the Council, but it was determined that scope changes will still need to be brought to the Council for approval.
10. Mr. Redd continued a discussion from a previous meeting regarding changes to the electrical utility policies. Changes being discussed include adding a security deposit based on credit rather than a static amount, increasing the disconnect fee each time a service is disconnected for non-payment, and adding a \$100 fine if an electric meter is tampered with after disconnection for non-payment. Councilmember Halliday asked if the City would consider lowering the security deposit based on a letter of credit from a previous utility company. Mr. Redd expressed concern over implementing the suggestion because it leaves the City more vulnerable and increases the amount of time necessary to process a new application. The changes agreed to will be brought back to Council for adoption.

11. Councilmember Halliday began a discussion about sick leave donations. He expressed interest in possibly allowing employees to donate sick leave to an employee who has used all of their leave due to illness. He explained that San Juan County uses a similar policy and donations must be given monthly and cannot be accrued beyond that point by an employee. Mr. Webb and Mr. Redd expressed opposition to the idea mainly because of the limited workforce available to cover employee absences and due to issues of fairness regarding treating each employee equally.
12. Chief Bayles addressed the Council and asked them to approve funding for a 6th police officer. He expressed the desire to provide additional coverage and better police protection for the community, and adding an additional officer would allow the City to have 24 hour coverage. He expressed concerns over liability and safety issues for the officers. Mr. Bayles acknowledged that he has limited knowledge of the City budget and how an additional officer would be funded, so he is looking for advice from the Council on how to proceed. He gave detailed information on cases, officers and arrests in the area, and compared our police force with those of other communities. Chief Bayles offered suggestions on how the officer might be funded, including combining the fire and police departments and having an officer serve additionally as the fire chief. He also informed the Council that some of the funding can come from increased ticket writing and the revenue it would generate. Additionally, he stressed that this is an issue for the Council to decide and not for him. Mayor Turk explained that the issue will now go to the Council and a Council member may decide to bring it back for discussion at a subsequent meeting. Mr. Webb explained that he has additional information on the subject and would be glad to meet with anyone who is interested, and he will disseminate that information to the Council. Chief Bayles asked the Council to consider overtime pay for him when he works extra shifts that are reimbursed by the State. He is currently not eligible to receive overtime as an exempt employee.
13. Open Forum – Marilyn Boynton addressed the Council and expressed displeasure at the idea of the City entering into an agreement with the Navajo Tribe. She asked the City to consider pushing projects to be completed in the County. She would like to see the road over the mountain from Blanding to Monticello paved as well as the road over Elk Ridge to Cottonwood. Her desire is to create a tourism draw due to the natural beauty of the area. Additionally, she expressed the idea that a non-profit mining association could be formed that could receive money from the County to help the mining industry in the area.
14. **Councilmember Lyman moved to retire to Executive Session. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Mayor and Council retired to executive session at 9:08 pm.

Mayor and Council returned to regular session at 9:56 pm.

15. **Councilmember Laws moved to adjourn. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Halliday**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:59 p.m.

By _____
Jeremy Redd, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
SEPTEMBER 13, 2011
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor Pro-Tempore: Kelly Laws
City Councilmembers: Charlie Taylor
David Johnson
Joe Lyman
Mike Halliday
Finance Director: Jeremy Redd
Police Chief: Lyle Bayles
City Engineer: Terry Ekker
Fire Chief: Craig Stanley

Absent:

Mayor: Toni Turk
City Administrator: Chris Webb

Others Present: Robert Ogle, Neil Joslin, Cindy Bayles, Linda Wright, Tamara Lyman, Sharon Smith, Elaine Liddell, Jerry Liddell, Steve Hiatt, Kim Hiatt.

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Charlie Taylor.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Lyman moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the August 23, 2011 meeting. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Johnson**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws declared the motion carried.

3. Open Forum – Kim Hiatt addressed the Council regarding the Wellness Center. She expressed her pleasure with and appreciation for the new facility, and thanked the Council for their support of recreation in the community. She expressed her support for the building of an indoor pool and the next phase of the facility. She commented that in her opinion, recreational opportunities are a need and not merely a want.

Councilmember Lyman commented that to this point the financial numbers of the new center are favorable, and the city will likely have to subsidize the facility less than originally planned, but at this point there has not been serious discussion about adding an indoor swimming pool. Councilmember Johnson explained that the center has yet to be operational for an entire year, but the current financial situation looks good and is on the right track.

Linda Wright addressed the Council and explained that there are many senior citizens in the community who want an indoor pool. She expressed that they feel they were promised a pool when they voted for the sales tax increase, and they would like to have an indoor facility that they can use during the winter months.

Sharon Smith commented that she has been ordered by her doctor to have water therapy, which is currently unavailable in Blanding during the winter months. Swimming will be her only source of rehabilitation.

Tamara Lyman expressed her appreciation to the Council and City Staff for the new facility. She commented that the pool has been operated more efficiently and effectively than in previous years at the old facility. She also expressed her support and desire for the building of an indoor pool as soon as it is reasonable.

Councilmember Laws addressed some of the public comments that were made. He explained that when the process started, there was a great dream that was given to the public, but there was never a promise to build an indoor pool or four basketball courts. He commented that from the beginning people were told that the City would build what was affordable, and the attempt was made to satisfy as many people as possible with the dollars that were available. He commented that right now things look good financially, and if the City has the money additional decisions will be made in the future.

Councilmember Taylor added that the numbers will be evaluated at the end of the fiscal year, and he has no doubt that if an indoor pool can financially support itself it will be built.

Steve Hiatt asked the Council for a timeline for making a decision. He also expressed his happiness with the new facility and the extended hours for the swimming pool. He explained that it meets many of the needs of the community.

Councilmember Lyman commented that a covered pool was never in the plan, but he understands that perceptions changed and some people thought they were going to get something more. He explained that the timeline for building more is unknown, but it will be at least June before he feels a decision will be made.

4. Mr. Black presented the August 2011 Natural Gas Report. There were no questions or comments.

5. Chief Bayles presented the August 2011 Police Report. He commented that one officer was gone for most of the month, and contacts were down accordingly. Councilmember Laws asked about teenage ATV use on city streets. Chief Bayles commented that if people see young people riding illegally they should contact the police department.
6. Chief Stanley presented the August 2011 Fire Report. He explained that paperwork has been finished and there are now more certified firefighters than had previously been recognized.
7. Chief Bayles addressed the Council and explained that the software that was budgeted for the police department will cost \$10,000 instead of the \$6,000 originally approved. He asked the Council to allow him to purchase the software and explained that he will be able to stay within the amount allocated for his department. Advice and consent was given to approve the change and purchase the software.
8. **Councilmember Lyman moved to approve Resolution 9-13-2011-1 Judicial Court Term Extension. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws repeated the motion and asked for discussion.** Councilmember Laws asked what would happen if the court was not renewed, and whether or not the Court paid for itself. Mr. Redd explained that the City does not have to have a Justice Court, and all issues would then go to the County Court. He further explained that at this time the Court brings in more revenue than expenses. **Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Johnson**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws declared the motion carried.

9. **Councilmember Lyman moved to approve Resolution 9-13-2011-2 Policy Change to Personnel Policies and Procedures. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws repeated the motion and asked for discussion.** Mr. Redd explained that the change would allow sick leave to be used for funeral leave in certain circumstances. **Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Johnson**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws declared the motion carried.

10. Mr. Redd explained that there will be a public hearing during the next meeting to allow the public to comment on the next CIB grant application. The City is planning to seek funding to replace the mountain pipeline and purchase a new fire truck.
11. Open Forum – Elaine Liddell thanked the City for the excellent condition of the Cemetery. She commented that it looks great and they are doing an excellent job. Councilmember Laws explained that the cemetery is run by Phillip Palmer and he has indeed done an excellent job.
12. **Councilmember Lyman moved to retire to Executive Session. Councilmember Halliday seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws declared the motion carried.

Mayor and Council retired to executive session at 7:45 pm.

Mayor and Council returned to regular session at 8:04 pm.

13. **Councilmember Taylor moved to adjourn. Councilmember Halliday seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Halliday**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

By _____
Jeremy Redd, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
JULY 26, 2011
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor: Toni Turk
City Councilmembers: Charlie Taylor
David Johnson
Kelly Laws
Joe Lyman
Mike Halliday
City Administrator: Chris Webb
Finance Director: Jeremy Redd
Police Chief: Lyle Bayles
City Engineer: Terry Ekker
Community Development Director: Bret Hosler
General Services Director: Jeff Black

Others Present: Kendall Laws, Neil Joslin, Kelly Pehrson, Cindy Bayles.

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Joe Lyman.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Laws moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the July 12, 2011 meeting. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Taylor**

Those voting NAY

Those Abstaining

NONE

Councilmember Johnson

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

3. Councilmember Taylor moved to enter a public hearing regarding the Issuance of Bonds for the purpose of (i) financing all or a portion of the cost of construction of improvements to Starvation Reservoir, including repairs and restoration, installation of a clay blanket, water distribution pipeline, together with all related work and improvements; and (ii) paying costs of issuing the bonds. Councilmember Halliday seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Taylor

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Mr. Webb explained that the City is in the process of closing bonds for a water project which will repair Starvation Reservoir as well as refinance \$500,000 in existing debt in the water system. The rate for the bonds will be 3.375%. Mr. Webb explained that no one had signed up to speak.

Councilmember Taylor moved to leave the public hearing regarding the Issuance of Bonds for the purpose of (i) financing all or a portion of the cost of construction of improvements to Starvation Reservoir, including repairs and restoration, installation of a clay blanket, water distribution pipeline, together with all related work and improvements; and (ii) paying costs of issuing the bonds. Councilmember Halliday seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Taylor

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

4. Open Forum – There were no public comments given.

5. Mr. Webb informed the Council about the projects currently under construction in the City. He explained that the City Office remodel has started and should be completed in the next four months. Councilmember Laws asked about the Starvation Reservoir project and why the engineering has not been completed. Mr. Webb and Mr. Ekker told him they would follow up with the engineer to push the project along.
6. Mr. Redd explained that during the recent audit it was determined that the Major Equipment savings account should be accounted for in the Capital Projects fund rather than the General Fund. He asked the Council to change the fund where the money is allocated. This will allow the City to remain under the 18% savings threshold set by State law. **Councilmember Lyman moved to move the major equipment savings account from the General Fund to the Capital Projects fund. Councilmember Laws seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Taylor**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

7. Mr. Redd introduced a discussion on equal pay for utility accounts. He explained that many utility companies allow customers to pay a set equal amount throughout the year to smooth out fluxuations in utility costs during different seasons. He explained that currently the utility policies do not allow for equal payments unless the customer maintains a credit balance. He asked the Council for discussion and direction as City Staff are in the process of reviewing utility policies. There was a discussion about the possible policy, and there were no objections to pursuing the addition of an equal pay policy in the new utility policies.
8. Mr. Webb asked for a discussion of locking in Natural Gas costs for the next four years. He explained that gas is very low now and the potential for future price increases is high. He has been receiving quotes from various suppliers and will approach the Council when he has a price to lock.

9. Councilmember Laws asked about the new schedule at the swimming pool. He questioned the shortening of the hours for families and open swim and expressed concern that special interest groups are driving the scheduling of the pool. He was told that it is a direct result of a lack of lifeguards, and if more adult lifeguards were available the open swim time would return. It takes six lifeguards at a time to run the pool and the City does not have enough certified lifeguards to keep the pool at the full schedule. Mr. Webb encouraged adults to get certified so the hours can be extended later into the season. Councilmember Taylor suggested that the City work hard to get the information to the community using the website and facebook. He feels that there are people who would volunteer if they were aware of the situation. Councilmember Laws explained that he has received complaints that some children are allowed to use arm floats and others are not. He feels that the situation has not changed since he raised the issue at the last meeting and he expressed his displeasure at the lack of change. Councilmember Taylor expressed his desire to have the facility open to the most people and to maximize availability for the community. Councilmember Laws commented that the reality is we need to keep the pool open later in the season to maximize the investment for the community.
10. Mr. Webb explained that five people have filed for the three open City Council seats. There will be no primary election.
11. Open Forum – No public comments were received.
12. **Councilmember Taylor moved to adjourn. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Halliday**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

By _____
Jeremy Redd, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
JULY 12, 2011
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor: Toni Turk
City Councilmembers: Charlie Taylor
David Johnson
Kelly Laws
Joe Lyman
Finance Director: Jeremy Redd
Police Chief: Lyle Bayles
City Engineer: Terry Ekker
Community Development Director: Bret Hosler

Absent:

City Administrator: Chris Webb
City Councilmembers: Mike Halliday

Others Present: Kendall Laws, EvaLynn Perkins, Robert Ogle, Neil Joslin, Philip Palmer, Preston Palmer, Kate Palmer, Al Clarke, Ivan Carr, Jenera Tate, Kelie Palmer.

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Kelly Laws.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Laws moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the June 28, 2011 meeting. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Taylor**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

3. Open Forum – Al Clarke presented the winning entries from the July 4th Parade. He expressed his appreciation for Robert Ogle and the parade judges. Those winning awards were as follows: San Juan Pharmacy, Blanding Rotary Club, Scott Hurst Family, Cedar Mesa Pottery, and the San Juan Royals. Evalynn Perkins was recognized as Miss San Juan 1951 and Stan Bronson as Grand Marshall.

Preston Palmer thanked the Council and City Staff for their efforts in completing a sewer project on his street. He presented the City with candy from many residents on the street and expressed their appreciation.

Philip Palmer also expressed his appreciation to the City and the Council for all they do for the community.

4. Water Report – There were no comments or questions.
5. Police Report – Mr. Bayles presented the police report and commented that the July 4th celebration was rather uneventful and quiet for the department. He explained that sending out the ATV ordinance with the utility bills seemed to help the incidents of illegal ATV use.
6. Fire Report – Mr. Stanley presented the fire report. He reported that there is now a closed fire season and any burning will require a permit. Mayor Turk complemented him on the fine job he has been doing as Fire Chief.
7. **Councilmember Laws moved to award the Streets Project Bid to LeGrand Johnson for \$1,555,265.03. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion.** Mr. Ekker commented that there was a bid opening and LeGrand Johnson was the only bidder on the project. He recommended that the Council award the project. Mayor Turk asked if the streets will be stripped down or a new layer added to the top. Mr. Ekker explained that they will receive a new layer of asphalt on top of the existing surface. Councilmember Laws asked about the completion date for the project and was told it is to be completed by November 15th. Mr. Ekker further explained that there is a \$500 per day penalty for late completion, but change orders will add to the timing of the project. **Mayor Turk called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Taylor**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

8. Chief Bayles asked the Council to consider two vehicles for surplus sale. Both vehicles have engines that do not currently run and he expressed the need to salvage them. Advice and consent was given to begin the surplus procedures to dispose of the vehicles.
9. Mr. Redd informed the Council of the National Guard ceremony that will now be held on Friday. He explained that the original date was Saturday but due to a conflict for the Guard it was moved. Mr. Redd informed the Council of the schedule of the ceremony and also explained that the agenda is still being formed. Mayor Turk expressed his regret at not being able to attend due to a family commitment, but explained that Mr. Webb will read a statement he prepared for the event. He also asked Councilmember Taylor to return the guidon to the Unit in his absence. Mayor Turk and the Council publically expressed their sincere thanks to the Unit for their service.
10. Councilmember Taylor thanked the members of the July 4th Celebration Committee for their years of dedicated service. He explained that Jon Hunt is resigning as the chair and a new chairman must be found. He asked the Council to bring him names of possible successors.
11. Open Forum – Ivan Carr informed the Council that all members of the Utah National Guard from Blanding are now back in the area except one who is awaiting a medical clearance.
12. **Councilmember Taylor moved to adjourn. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

By _____
Jeremy Redd, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
AUGUST 9, 2011
AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE ARTS & EVENTS CENTER**

Present:

Mayor: Toni Turk
City Councilmembers: Charlie Taylor
David Johnson
Kelly Laws
Joe Lyman
City Administrator: Chris Webb
Finance Director: Jeremy Redd
Police Chief: Lyle Bayles
City Engineer: Terry Ekker
Community Development Director: Bret Hosler
General Services Director: Jeff Black

Absent:

City Councilmember: Mike Halliday

Others Present: Barbara Turk, Kendall Laws, Terri Laws, Robert Ogle, Neil Joslin, Sherry Ray.

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by David Johnson.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Laws moved to approve the financial disbursements of the July 26, 2011 meeting. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion.** Councilmember Laws expressed concern that one section of the minutes was missing an important comment. The changes were discussed and will be made to the July 26th minutes. He moved that the approval of the minutes be tabled until changes could be made. **Mayor Turk called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Taylor**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

3. Open Forum – There were no public comments given.
4. Mr. Black presented the July 2011 Water and Natural Gas Reports. He explained that dry wash reservoir has been drained and the water moved to Blanding. 185 acre feet of water was drained, however Blanding only received 95 acre feet after ditch loss and evaporation. Councilmember Laws asked about unused storage in the 3rd reservoir because he had received questions from the Irrigation Company.
5. Mr. Bayles presented the July 2011 Police Report. He explained that a formal report is missing due to a computer reporting software failure at the police station. He commented that the new computer reporting system should be running soon and reports will be generated by the new system. He informed the Council that one of the police vehicles is inoperable and will require at least \$700 in repairs to return it to functional condition. Mayor Turk asked if the department had appropriate coverage due to Officer Workman's absence to attend his brother's funeral. He was told by Mr. Bayles that other law enforcement agencies had volunteered to help cover shifts and it was not an issue.
6. Mr. Webb presented the July 2011 Fire Report. There were no questions or comments.
7. Mr. Webb presented the July 2011 Recreation Report. He informed the Council of heavy use of the recreation programs. 11 adults are currently being trained as lifeguards, which will help solve some of the pool scheduling issues. He commented that College students will begin to arrive and they will receive orientation and training at the Wellness Center so they understand the rules of the facility. Councilmember Laws asked what the break-even number was for the pool and was told that it is an average of 1200 yearly memberships. Mr. Webb explained that the average will need to be maintained for the entire year even during the winter months.
8. Mr. Webb presented the 2010/2011 Fiscal Year Audit Report. He reviewed the financial highlights of the City. He informed the Council that the City had positive cash flow in the General fund and all of the Enterprise activities. Total debt decreased by \$401,946 for the year, and the Natural Gas company was able to pay back \$99,000 to the Electric company from past borrowing. Councilmember Laws commented that it is very good news that the gas company is doing so well and paying back the money owed. Mayor Turk asked if the recent downgrade of US Government debt will have any impact on the City of Blanding. Mr. Webb commented that he did not feel it would, but that Federal funding agencies are predicting less money available to fund projects.
9. Mr. Webb informed the Council that there has been a possible change to the funding package for a 2012 water project. The City had hoped to receive a 50% loan 50% grant package from the Drinking Water Board, but they are recommending \$400,000 loan and just \$100,000 grant. Adding the potential money from the CIB, the total project would be \$600,000 grant and \$400,000 loan. He asked the Council for feedback and permission to proceed under the new terms. Councilmembers Lyman and Laws expressed support for the funding package and expressed concern that in the future there will be less money available. Advice and consent was given to proceed.

10. Mayor Turk began a discussion concerning honoring servicemen from Blanding who have given their lives in military service. The discussion centered on the creation of a memorial coin to be given to families of soldiers past and present to honor their sacrifice.

Mayor Turk also informed the Council that David Turk has expressed interest in reviving the veterans memorial project. He would fundraise and finish the project. Mayor Turk also expressed interest in designing and producing a coin to be given for extraordinary service to the community. The Council discussed various types of coins and placement of the veterans memorial. Council gave advice and consent to have David Turk move forward with the memorial and bring ideas back to the Council. They also asked Mr. Webb to begin designing two coins, one for those KIA and one general coin to honor extraordinary contributions or service in the community.

11. Mayor Turk informed the Council that the Westwater community voted to remain fee title land instead of beginning a process to convert to trust land which would have possibly exempted them from taxation.

12. Open Forum – No public comments were received.

13. **Councilmember Taylor moved to adjourn. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

By _____
Jeremy Redd, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
JUNE 28, 2011
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor: Toni Turk

City Councilmembers: Mike Halliday
David Johnson
Kelly Laws
Joe Lyman
Charlie Taylor

City Administrator: Chris Webb

Finance Director: Jeremy Redd

Police Chief: Lyle Bayles

City Engineer: Terry Ekker

Community Development Director: Bret Hosler

Others Present: Elaine Borgen, Kendall Laws, Lisa Carr, Robert Ogle, Cindy Bayles, Neil Joslin.

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Toni Turk

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Lyman moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the June 14, 2011 meeting. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Taylor**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

3. Open Forum – Elaine Borgen addressed the Council and presented information regarding her “Youth Elevated” initiative. She explained that the objective is to help youth in the community and introduce youth to entrepreneurship. She introduced many projects that the group is planning including a youth garden, a bicycle repair shop and a youth newspaper.

Mayor Turk expressed his appreciation for Elaine and commented that the community is blessed to have her as a member.

4. Chief Bayles presented the May 2011 Police Report. Councilmember Johnson commented that there are many youth driving in the community without a driver's license. Chief Bayles asked the community to let the police know when they see that type of activity and it will be stopped.
5. **Councilmember Laws moved to award a water system improvement bid to Barton Excavating for \$207,663.50. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion.** Councilmember Laws expressed his concern because Barton is a contractor that has not done work for the City in the past. He asked Terry if they have been thoroughly checked by the City and the engineering firm. Mr. Ekker explained that he had personally checked on their references and talked to other cities that have used them. He assured the Council that everyone he called have been pleased with the work performed. Councilmember Laws asked how much time they have to complete the project and also asked about liquidated damages. Terry told him they have 60 calendar days to finish and if they do not there will be liquidated damages assessed. **Mayor Turk called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Lyman**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

6. **Councilmember Taylor moved to award a chip seal bid to Legrand Johnson for \$198,720.00. Councilmember Laws seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion.** Mr. Ekker explained that the bid came in slightly higher than his estimate due to higher than anticipated material costs. Councilmember Laws asked if the project would take place the week that school starts and create a problem for children and parents trying to get their kids to school. Mr. Ekker commented that the project may indeed take place during the beginning of school. **Mayor Turk called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Lyman**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

7. Mr. Webb presented the Council with two different options for the certified tax rate. He explained that the City can take the rate that includes new growth in the community and collect more than last year, or adopt a lower rate and give up the new growth and lower taxes to the community. He further explained that neither option is considered raising taxes and a truth in taxation hearing would not have to be held. **Councilmember Laws moved to approve Resolution 6-28-2011-01 Adopting the Certified Tax Rate of .002734. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion.** The Council proposed the lower rate which does not add money to property taxes for new growth. Councilmember Lyman pointed out that although values have increased over the last 5 years, the overall tax rate has decreased by 22%. **Mayor Turk called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Lyman**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

8. **Councilmember Lyman moved to adopt Resolution 6-28-2011-02 Consideration for and adoption of a Parameters Resolution authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$850,000 in Parity Water Revenue Bonds of Blanding City, San Juan County, Utah and calling of a public hearing to receive input with respect to the issuance of such bonds and any potential impact to the private sector from the construction of the project. Councilmember Laws seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion.** Mr. Webb explained that the City is repairing Starvation Reservoir and completing utility improvements on 300 West, as well as refinancing existing debt to a lower interest rate. This resolution sets the parameters of the bond and also sets the date of the public hearing on the matter. **Mayor Turk called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Lyman**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

9. **Councilmember Lyman moved to adopt the Restrictive Covenant Form. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion.** Councilmember Lyman explained that the form has been changed to include only water and sewer which accurately reflects the rules adopted by the Council. Councilmember Laws questioned whether the City policy is to force someone to annex against their will. Mr. Webb explained that the policy that was adopted did force a landowner to sign an annexation agreement if they could not annex in exchange for City water and sewer. **Mayor Turk called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Lyman**

Those voting NAY

Councilmember Laws

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

10. Mr. Webb explained that the City Office remodel will commence in July and he recommended holding City Council meetings at the Arts and Events Center during the construction. Advice and consent was given to hold the meetings at the Arts and Events Center.
11. Mr. Webb informed the Council members that they are to meet at 10:00 am to ride on the float for the July 4th parade. He also informed the Council of the schedule for the festivities.

12. Open Forum – No public comments were given.
13. **Councilmember Lyman moved to adjourn. Councilmember Halliday seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Laws**

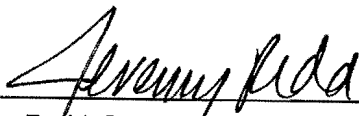
Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

By



Jeremy Redd, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
JUNE 14, 2011
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor: Toni Turk
City Councilmembers: David Johnson
Joe Lyman
Charlie Taylor
City Administrator: Chris Webb
Finance Director: Jeremy Redd
Police Chief: Lyle Bayles
City Engineer: Terry Ekker
Community Development Director: Bret Hosler
Fire Chief: Craig Stanley
Recreation Director: David Palmer

Others Present: Ryan Heck, Meredith Smith, Joseph Smith, Wendy Johnstun, Ed Johnstun, Merle McDonald, Cindy Bayles.

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Charlie Taylor.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Lyman moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the May 24, 2011 meeting. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Taylor**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

3. Open Forum – Meredith Smith gave a report to the Council about the Gentle Ironhawk Shelter. She is an advocate and paralegal at the shelter. She reported that the facility was opened in 2006 and received funding for operation primarily from the Department of Justice Office of Violence Against Women. They help victims of violence and provide a wide range of services to all people from all areas. She further reported that the shelter has served 1,081 people since its opening, which represents 6.2% of the population of San Juan County.

Councilmember Lyman asked how many people are sheltered on an average night and how long they typically stay. He was told that there are typically two families sheltered and the average stay is around 21 days. Councilmember Johnson asked about possible donations of support items to the shelter and was told that all donations will be accepted.

Ryan Heck addressed the Council on behalf of the Huff to Bluff Marathon. He presented Mayor Turk with a plaque expressing appreciation for the support of the City. He informed the Council that there were 104 registered runners who stayed a total of 102 nights in the area and brought at least that many more people with them. Mr. Heck informed the Council that the race will continue to grow and he expects to have 250 runners next year. The event is scheduled again for the 2nd Saturday in May 2012.

4. **Councilmember Taylor moved to enter a public hearing regarding the 2011/2012 Proposed City Budget. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, Mayor Turk called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Taylor**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Mr. Webb explained that City has spent many months outlining a proposed budget for the coming year and the budget has been available for the public to view. He commented that the City determines to spend money wisely and he reported to the public that the City is operating in a fiscally sound manner. He commented on proposed utility increases that are included in the proposed budget and added that the increases will allow the City to meet increasing operating costs while also saving for future projects to avoid debt.

No one signed up to speak during the public hearing. Mayor Turk asked if anyone would like to speak during the hearing and there was no response. No public comment was made.

Councilmember Taylor moved to leave the public hearing regarding the 2011/2012 Proposed City Budget. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing None, Mayor Turk called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Taylor**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

5. Mr. Webb presented the May 2011 Natural Gas and Water Reports. Mayor Turk asked about water usage for the current year. Mr. Webb commented that water usage has been later due to the colder temperatures experienced this spring.
6. Mr. Bayles presented the May 2011 Police Report. He explained that the department is switching to a new system and they would have a formal report at the next meeting. He commented that the justice court has switched to a state system and are entering their warrants in to a state-wide database. The change has already netted over \$7,000 in additional warrant revenue.
7. Mr. Stanley presented the May 2011 Fire Report. He added that there have been 1,480 volunteer hours given by firefighters in the last 6 months.
8. Mr. Palmer presented the May 2011 Recreation Report. He explained that the pool is a regional draw and there were 30 people from Monticello using the pool just today. There are 1371 members at this time and many more people pay each day to swim. Mayor Turk asked how long until the City begins to think about adding an indoor pool. Mr. Webb commented that the staff would like to see an entire year of operation and evaluate after that time.

Councilmember Johnson commented that he has received complaints because parents have to pay to watch their children swim. He asked that the Council discuss the issue and make sure the policy is sound. Mr. Webb explained that about 25% of the people who enter the pool area do not swim. Instead, they watch children, use tables and chairs, sit under the shade, listen to the music, use the restroom and enjoy the use of the facility. Because the facility is used even though they may not get in the water, he supports asking everyone who enters to pay. Councilmember Lyman expressed that a line has to be drawn somewhere and asking everyone who enters to pay is an easy line to draw. He also commented that people can watch from outside the fence if they wish to not pay. All Councilmembers present were in agreement to continue the current policy.

9. Mr. Redd introduced Resolution 6-14-2011-01 and explained that each year the City makes adjustments to the current year budget. The adjustments allow for money that will not be spent in one area to be moved to another department in the general fund to allow for unforeseen overages. **Councilmember Lyman moved to approve Resolution 6-14-2011-01 Opening and Adjusting the 2010/2011 Budget. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, Mayor Turk called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Taylor**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

10. Mr. Redd introduced Resolution 6-14-2011-02. He explained that the budget for the 2011-2012 fiscal year has been completed, a public hearing has been held, and the public has had the opportunity to review and comment on the budget. He recommended adoption of the new budget. **Councilmember Lyman moved to approve Resolution 6-14-2011-02 Adopting the 2011/2012 Fiscal Year City Budget. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion.** Councilmember Lyman commented that the numbers seem large, but reminded everyone that the City produces a balanced budget and it is conservative while also saving money for future City needs. **Mayor Turk called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Taylor**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

11. Mr. Webb presented the Summer 2011 Newsletter for consideration by the Council. There were a few changes made to dates and times for the July 4th Celebration. Mr. Bayles asked that information be added regarding ATV usage on July 4th. He expressed concern that laws still need to be followed and safety of all is a concern. **Councilmember Taylor moved to approve the Summer 2011 City Newsletter. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, Mayor Turk called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Taylor**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

12. Mr. Hosler addressed the Council and presented them with a restrictive covenant that forces property owners to not contest annexation in exchange for City services. He explained that this agreement is required when someone cannot annex at this time but may be asked to annex in the future. The question arising from the document is whether or not it will be required for natural gas and electricity as well as water and sewer. In the past the City has only required a signed agreement for the granting of water and sewer connections. Councilmember Lyman asked that the agreement go to the Planning Commission for review and rewriting and it will come back to the Council at a later date for approval.
13. Mr. Webb reviewed the remaining funds to be spent at the Wellness Center and a list of possible uses for the funding. Each item was reviewed and it was determined to purchase the needed Wellness Center items and wait on sprinklers and sod at the old pool location until a later date.
14. Mr. Webb informed the Council of the July 4th schedule and also reminded them that the time frame for registering for a City Council seat begins on July 1st. Registration packets can be picked up at the City Office.
15. Open Forum – Wendy Johnstun commented about the music played at the new pool and made a suggestion for ways to eliminate the possibility of explicit music.

16. **Councilmember Taylor moved to adjourn. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

By 
Jeremy Redd, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
MAY 24, 2011
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor: Toni Turk
City Councilmembers: Mike Halliday
David Johnson
Kelly Laws
Joe Lyman
Charlie Taylor
City Administrator: Chris Webb
Finance Director: Jeremy Redd
Police Chief: Lyle Bayles
City Engineer: Terry Ekker
Community Development Director: Bret Hosler
General Services Director: Jeff Black

Others Present: Mitchell Asbury, Sandra Asbury, Kendall Laws, Cindy Bayles, Harold Lyman.

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Chris Webb.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Johnson moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the May 10, 2011 meeting. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Taylor**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

3. Open Forum – Sandra Asbury gave a report to the Council on the local food banks. She reported on the amount of food being dispersed in the Blanding area and commented that the numbers are climbing and more people are coming to participate in their services. She explained that the food bank requires more than \$3500 per month to operate, with much of the funding coming from the State of Utah.

Mayor Turk asked if there are those who take advantage of the services provided and Sandra explained that there are a few who do, but they are small in number compared to the number being fed. She expressed the need for more volunteers to help unload and distribute food. Councilmember Johnson asked if there are programs in place to help people become self-sufficient. Sandra explained that there are and they are also referred to the State for food stamps.

4. Mr. Webb presented a project status report to the Council. He explained that the City received \$340,000 in additional road project funding from the Transportation District and commended Councilmember Laws for his service on that board. The funding will allow the paving of the road on 650 West near the museum. Councilmember Lyman asked about Continental Street and the pavement situation there. Mr. Webb informed him that the area is on the list, but it will need major improvements and is not scheduled to be completed this year.

Mr. Webb also informed the Council that he met with Tri-Hurst Construction on the City Office remodel and they are changing the scope of the project to bring it within budget. That project is scheduled to begin in the near future.

5. **Councilmember Laws moved to approve Resolution 5-24-11-01 – Establishing an Electric Rate Increase. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion.** Councilmember Halliday asked about the cost of power of the City of Blanding as compared to Empire Electric and Rocky Mountain Power. Mr. Webb explained that for commercial power we are in the middle and for residential power our rates are lower than those of our competitors. Councilmember Halliday stressed that Blanding City is competitively priced. **Mayor Turk called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Taylor**

Those voting NAY

Councilmember Lyman

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

6. **Councilmember Laws moved to a public hearing regarding the issuance and sale of not more than \$1,000,000 aggregate principal amount of taxable limited obligation revenue bonds, series 2011, and to allow public hearing regarding any potential economic impact that the improvements to be financed with the proceeds of the series 2011 bonds may have on the private sector. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, Mayor Turk called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Taylor**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Mr. Webb introduced the purpose of the public hearing and explained that the loan will be for \$1,000,000 to fund road projects in the community and will be accompanied by a \$1,000,000 grant from the CIB. The loan will be for 10 years at 0% interest and will be funded by money that has been set aside by the Transportation District.

There was no public comment at the hearing.

Councilmember Laws moved to leave the public hearing regarding the issuance and sale of not more than \$1,000,000 aggregate principal amount of taxable limited obligation revenue bonds, series 2011, and to allow public hearing regarding any potential economic impact that the improvements to be financed with the proceeds of the series 2011 bonds may have on the private sector. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, Mayor Turk called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Taylor**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

7. Mr. Webb explained that as part of the equipment lease on the new police vehicle, Zions Bank has asked for a resolution to approve the lease. He further explained that there was a \$1000 cost of issuance that was not known at the time the lease was originally approved by the Council. Mr. Webb recommended not leasing the vehicle and just purchasing it outright. He explained that with the additional cost of issuance he feels that the City would be better off taking money from savings to purchase the vehicle. **Councilmember Laws moved to purchase the vehicle and not enter into a lease agreement with Zions Bank. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, Mayor Turk called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Lyman**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Those Abstaining

Councilmember Taylor

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

8. Mr. Ekker recommended that the City Council award the bid for the airport project to Legrand Johnson for \$1,010,225.00. He further explained that they were the low and only bidder, and he also explained the alternate schedules that were possible in the project. **Councilmember Lyman moved to award the airport project to Legrand Johnson for \$1,010,225.00. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, Mayor Turk called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Lyman**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

9. Mr. Webb informed the Council that there is not enough additional funding to build a pavilion at the site of the old pool. He asked for direction from the Council to continue to seek additional funding or spend the remaining money on need additional items at the Wellness Center. Councilmember Taylor expressed that in light of the vandalism that occurred at the new facility, he would like to see a security system installed with surveillance cameras to protect the investment. Councilmember Johnson agreed and expressed interest in adding grass and sprinklers to the old pool property and spending any additional money at the Wellness Center. Advice and consent was given to spend the additional funds on items at the Wellness Center and add grass to the old pool site.

10. Councilmember Taylor asked the Council to consider raising the reward for the vandalism at the Wellness Center to \$1000. Mr. Bayles explained that the drug task force is being changed to a major crimes task force which will allow them to offer greater rewards in situations like this. Mayor Turk asked if the vandalism is coming from our community, and Mr. Bayles explained that he thinks it was local youth who committed the act. Advice and consent was given to increase the reward to \$1000.
11. Open Forum – No public comments were given.
12. **Councilmember Taylor moved to adjourn. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Laws**

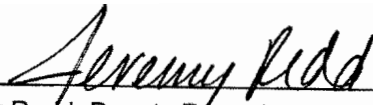
Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

By



Jeremy Read, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
MAY 10, 2011
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor Pro-Tempore: Kelly Laws
City Councilmembers: David Johnson
Joe Lyman
City Administrator: Chris Webb
Finance Director: Jeremy Redd
Police Chief: Lyle Bayles
City Engineer: Terry Ekker
Community Development Director: Bret Hosler
General Services Director: Jeff Black
Fire Chief: Craig Stanley
Recreation Director: David Palmer

Absent:

Mayor: Toni Turk
City Councilmember: Mike Halliday
City Councilmember: Charlie Taylor

Others Present: Terri Laws, Ed Johnstun, Wendy Johnstun, Robert Ogle.

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Jeremy Redd.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Lyman moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the April 26, 2011 meeting. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws declared the motion carried.

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3. Open Forum – There were no comments or questions.
4. Mr. Black presented the April 2011 Natural Gas Report. There were no questions or comments.
5. Mr. Black presented the April 2011 Water Report. Councilmember Lyman asked about the prospects for more spring water runoff. Mr. Black explained that there is a large amount of water still running through the pipeline and all of the City water storage is full.
6. Chief Bayles presented the April 2011 Police Report. Councilmember Lyman asked about the money counterfeiting incident listed in the report. Chief Bayles explained that someone attempted to pass a counterfeit bill in Blanding last month. He further commented that there were 166 calls for service that resulted in 63 cases generated. Councilmember Johnson asked if there was information about the break-in at the Wellness Center. Chief Bayles explained that there is some information but nothing concrete to report at this time. Mr. Webb commented that the standard reward of \$500 has been offered for information leading to those responsible. Councilmember Johnson expressed his desire that the community be vigilant in watching for and reporting vandalism and crime in Blanding.
7. Chief Stanley presented the April 2011 Fire Report. There were no questions or comments.
8. Mr. Palmer presented the April 2011 Recreation Report. He explained that baseball and softball both have higher participation rates this year. T-ball has 101 children ages 4-6 participating. Councilmember Laws asked how many memberships the Wellness center needs to have to break even and was told 1200. Mr. Palmer commented that the target open date for the new pool is May 21st.
9. Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws explained that Mayor Turk asked him to submit Bryan Palmer for appointment to the Planning Commission. **Councilmember Lyman moved to appoint Bryan Palmer to the Planning Commission. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws declared the motion carried.

10. Councilmember Johnson opened a discussion about free passes to the Wellness Center for foster families. He explained that he visited with foster families in the area and a representative from the State. He commented that there is money available from the State program to pay for the foster children to swim, but not for other children in the home. Councilmember Lyman expressed his support for funding the individual

foster child if State money ever becomes unavailable. The Council decided no action was necessary on the matter at this time.

11. Mr. Webb introduced a discussion on the 10 year Capital Project Plan. He explained that the planning process is used to determine which projects need to be done in the next 10 years to keep infrastructure running well. The plan is used to anticipate City funds that will be used, debt that will be incurred, and possible grant funding that can be secured to complete the projects.

Mr. Webb further explained that it is during this planning process that projects are ranked and their necessity is determined by the Council. He commented that the plan includes \$17 million in identified projects and his best estimate is that grant funding will only pay for at most 54% of the cost of the projects. Mr. Webb also pointed out the list of projects that have been identified but funds to pay for them have not been identified. Mr. Webb commented that utility rates and fees are adjusted based on current operating needs and future project costs.

12. **Councilmember Lyman moved to enter a public hearing regarding a proposed CIB application for a water distribution project. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws declared the motion carried.

Mr. Webb explained that the purpose of the hearing is to hear comment from the public regarding an application to the CIB that the City is preparing to send. The project being considered is a \$1,000,000 water distribution line project that will fix identified problems with the water system and also improve fire flow. The project will include approximately 15 different lines in areas across the City.

Councilmember Lyman asked if the scope of the project can be defined and explained to the citizens. Mr. Webb commented that an executive summary of the project is available that includes specific information.

No comments were received from the public.

Councilmember Lyman moved to leave the public hearing regarding a proposed CIB application for a water distribution project. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws declared the motion carried.

13. Mr. Ekker informed the Council that the bid opening was completed for the airport project. LeGrand Johnson was the only bidder and the bid came in under the project estimate. He explained how the project will be funded, but also explained that more funding is necessary before the project can be awarded. Mr. Ekker explained that he anticipates awarding the project in the next two weeks.
14. Mr. Ekker explained the streets that will be affected by the upcoming \$2,000,000 street improvement project that will begin this summer. There was a lengthy explanation of each street and the specific work to be done in each area. Councilmember Lyman commented that it looks like a lot of work to be performed based on the budget. Mr. Ekker also informed the Council that JUB Engineering has been contracted on an hourly basis to assist with engineering and getting the bid documents completed.
15. Mr. Redd presented the first draft of the 2011/2012 Fiscal Year Budget. He commented that this represents a balanced general fund, and reminded the Council of a scheduled budget work session Thursday May 19th at 6:00 pm.
16. Open Forum – There were no comments or questions.
17. **Councilmember Laws moved to adjourn. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Pro-Tempore Laws declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

By 
Jeremy Redd, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
APRIL 26, 2011
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor: Toni Turk
City Councilmembers: Mike Halliday
David Johnson
Kelly Laws
Joe Lyman
City Administrator: Chris Webb
Finance Director: Jeremy Redd
Police Chief: Lyle Bayles
City Engineer: Terry Ekker
Community Development Director: Bret Hosler

Others Present: Bobby Holt, Janet Wilcox, Terri Laws, Robert Ogle, Harold Lyman, Jeremy Lyman, Jeri Swift, Cindy Bayles.

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by David Johnson.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Lyman moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the April 12, 2011 meeting. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Taylor**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

3. Open Forum – Jeri Swift addressed the Council representing foster parents in the Blanding area. She asked the Council to consider giving a free Wellness Center pass to families who are licensed to have foster children in their home. She explained that foster families do a great service in the community, and listed some of the foster families currently serving. Mayor Turk asked for a full list of the foster families in Blanding, and was told that she would email him a full listing. Councilmember Johnson asked for the issue to come back as a discussion item under his name at a later council meeting.
4. Mr. Webb informed the public that the City would like to make time available during open forum for the public to make requests for the 2011/2012 budget. No budget requests were made by the public.
5. Harold Lyman proposed that the City adopt a new motto. His proposed motto has been used on some promotional materials that have been distributed by the Visitor Center. He also asked the City to consider giving awards to citizens who exemplify the ideals of the community. The proposed motto is, "Firm as the mountains around us in promoting and celebrating vision, leadership, excellence and the triumph of high achievement.
6. Mr. Webb presented the Council with a project status update. He explained that the bid opening for the City office remodel yielded bids that were over budget. Tri-Hurst is working on the numbers and trying to get the project within budget. Mr. Ekker explained that the bid opening for the airport project has been rescheduled for May 4th at the request of the plan holders.
7. **Councilmember Lyman moved to approve Resolution 4-26-11-01 – Consideration for adoption of a resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of not more than \$1,000,000 aggregate principal amount of taxable limited obligation revenue bonds, series 2011, of Blanding City, Utah; fixing the maximum aggregate principal amount of the bonds, the maximum number of years over which the bonds may mature, the maximum interest rate which the bonds may bear, and the maximum discount from par at which the bonds may be sold; providing for the publication of a notice of public hearing and bonds to be issued; providing for the running of a contest period; authorizing the execution by the issuer of a final bond resolution and other documents necessary for the issuance of the series 2011 bonds; and related matters. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion.**

Mr. Webb explained that the bond will be at 0% interest for 10 years and will be serviced entirely by funds that have been set aside by the Transportation District. **Mayor Turk called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Taylor**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

8. Mr. Webb opened a discussion about possible electrical rate increases and the idea of setting a margin for the sale of electric power. He explained that costs have risen over the past five years and rates have not increased at the same pace as costs, causing a sharp decrease in City operating margins. He further illustrated that margins have fallen from 40% to a point this year where it is likely that the electric company may lose money.

Discussion ensued regarding how a margin could be set to account for fluxuation in power rates.

Councilmember Lyman suggested a possible scenario where rates could be adjusted based on a rolling 12 month average. He explained that might help smooth out some of the price spikes and dips.

Mr. Webb explained that at this time the recommendation of the City Staff is to not use a set margin, but to continue to look to adjust rates yearly with possible mid-year adjustments. He also suggested raising the base rate for residential power from \$1 to \$5 per month, and the base commercial rate from \$4 to \$8 with demand rising to \$8 per unit. He also proposed a 1 cent per KWH increase in the power rates. This would result in an average residential increase of \$8-\$12 per month.

9. Mr. Webb presented the Council with prototypes and designs for possible medals to be given to the returning National Guard soldiers. The medals will be presented at a ceremony to mark their return from Afghanistan. Mayor Turk explained the concept of challenge coins and their use. Councilmember Laws asked about the possibility of having the coins struck out of pure silver and numbered, thus increasing their value to the soldiers. Councilmember Taylor commented that he would like to see the coins be more specific and possibly include dates and country of service.
10. Mr. Redd explained that with low interest rates, the City is currently earning about .5% on savings. He recommended taking money from water savings to pay off a USDA loan of \$266,000 at 4.25% interest. The loan has a 40 year term, and paying it off now would save \$412,760 in interest over the entire life of the loan. He also pointed out two other water loans that will be paid off in the next 5 years, helping to decrease the overall debt load. Mr. Webb reminded the Council that the capital project plan calls for increasing debt in the next 5 years, so retiring some debt would be a wise decision. Councilmember Lyman asked why this particular loan was chosen for retirement. Mr. Redd explained that it had the longest date to maturity and a high interest rate. Advice and consent was given to retire the debt.

11. Mr. Webb informed the Council that the City has secured a grant and loan from the USDA that will also include a refinancing of some existing debt to a lower rate. This will allow the City to complete the Starvation Reservoir and 300 West Distribution projects.
12. Councilmember Halliday asked the Council for advice and consent to allow the Quilt Guild to store their display frames at the Wellness Center as discussed at a previous meeting. Advice and consent was given by the Council.
13. Open Forum – Chief Bayles addressed the Council about trading in three police vehicles as part of the purchase of two new vehicles. He also asked the Council for a minor change to the “hold harmless agreement” for the police department that was previously adopted. He asked for clarification to be added that the agreement “does not exempt any city employee from coverage under City insurance.” Advice and consent was given to make the adjustment and correction to the agreement, and trade the three vehicles.
14. **Councilmember Lyman moved to retire to Executive Session. Councilmember Halliday seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Mayor and Council retired to executive session at 8:42 pm.

14. Councilmember Taylor moved to adjourn. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Laws

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:57 p.m.

By


Jeremy Redd, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
APRIL 12, 2011
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor: Toni Turk

City Councilmembers: Joe Lyman

Kelly Laws

Mike Halliday

David Johnson

Finance Director: Jeremy Redd

General Services Director: Jeff Black

City Engineer: Terry Ekker

Community Development Director: Bret Hosler

Absent:

City Councilmember: Charlie Taylor

City Manager: Chris Webb

Others Present: Craig Stanley, Harold Lyman, Lyle Bayles, Gail Glover, Robert Ogle, Neil Joslin, Georgi Hockaday, Katie Hiatt, Sidney Christensen.

1. Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Joe Lyman.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Councilmember Johnson moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the March 22, 2011 meeting. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Lyman

Councilmember Laws

Councilmember Johnson

Councilmember Halliday

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

4. Open Forum – Georgi Hockaday spoke to the Council representing the Farmer's Market Association. She encouraged the Council to approve the contract with the farmer's market without changes from last year's version. She informed the Council that she planned to seek approval for signage to be placed at the north, south and middle of town informing people of the market. Mr. Hosler informed her that the signage would have to be cleared with UDOT and that signs along the state highway fall under their jurisdiction. She was asked to work with Mr. Hosler on signage matters.

Sidney Christensen spoke to the Council representing the Quilt Guild. She asked for permission to store quilting stands in the Wellness Center. She explained that the group currently rents a storage unit and the frames are used once a year for the July 4th quilt show which will now be held at the Wellness Center.

Katie Hiatt from the National Honor Society at San Juan High addressed the Council and asked for their support for the annual Easter egg hunt. She also asked permission to use the park behind the Visitor Center for the event. Councilmember Laws recognized the fact that the City has sponsored the event in past years and the students come each year and ask for support. Advice and consent was given to donate \$250 to the event and allow the use of the park.

5. Natural Gas Report – no questions or comments.
6. Water Report – no questions or comments.
7. Police Report – Chief Lyle Bayles presented the police report. He pointed out to the Council that citations and investigations are up from previous months. He felt the increase is due to the increasingly good weather.
8. Fire Report – Chief Craig Stanley presented the Fire Report. There were no questions or comments.
9. Mr. Redd presented the project status report. He explained that the landscaper is finishing up at the Wellness Center and the project will be completed within the next two weeks. He also commented that the pool will be filled in early May and should be open to the public by the middle to end of that month.
10. Mr. Ekker gave the Council an update on the UDOT Main Street repaving project. He explained that they will be resurfacing the road from the cemetery on the North end to south of the Blue Mountain RV park. He further explained that citizens will be inconvenienced for about two months while the work is completed, and traffic will be restricted to two lanes during the construction.

Mayor Turk asked about potholes around town and a timeframe for getting them fixed. Mr. Ekker explained that they are being repaired by City crews, but in areas that will receive major road work this year, there will not be extensive repair work done. The streets will be fully repaired when the road work is completed.

11. Councilmember Lyman moved to approve the 2011 Farmer's Market Contract. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Halliday

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

12. Mr. Redd explained that Mayor Turk had asked for the budget work session to be moved from May 17th to May 19th because of a scheduling conflict. All Councilmembers in attendance indicated they could make the re-scheduled meeting time except Councilmember Halliday who has a previously scheduled commitment. Advice and consent was given to move the budget work session to the night of May 19th.
13. Harold Lyman asked that his discussion about a new city motto be tabled until all Councilmembers and the City Manager could be in attendance for the discussion.
14. Councilmember Taylor arrived at 7:30.
15. Mr. Redd informed the Council that the State Parks Board will be meeting at the Edge of the Cedars State Park on April 20th at 3:30 and has requested the attendance of the Mayor and all Councilmembers. Mayor Turk reminded the Council that there have been numerous budget cuts to the state parks programs and that this meeting will be very instrumental in expressing community and government support for our park.

Councilmember Johnson commented that he had recently completed some work at the facility and was impressed by the number of visitors that are using and enjoying the facility. Councilmember Lyman talked about looking at ways to make the park financially viable and possibly linking it to the College and their new Native American Studies program.

16. Open Forum – No comments were given.

17. Councilmember Taylor moved to adjourn. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Lyman

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

By _____
Jeremy Redd, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
MARCH 22, 2011
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor: Toni Turk
City Councilmembers: Mike Halliday
David Johnson
Kelly Laws
Joe Lyman
City Administrator: Chris Webb
Finance Director: Jeremy Redd
General Services Director: Jeff Black
City Engineer: Terry Ekker

Absent:

City Councilmembers: Charlie Taylor

Others Present: Terri Laws, Robert Ogle, Shawn Ivins, Tyler Ivins, Candace Davis, LeAnn Parker, Rebecca Larson, Karen Lee, Ed Johnstun, Claudia Black, Scott Young.

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Kelly Laws.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Lyman moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the March 8, 2011 meeting. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Lyman**

**Those voting NAY
Those Abstaining**

**NONE
Councilmember Laws**

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

3. Open Forum – LeAnn Parker, Karen Lee and Rebecca Larson addressed the Council representing the 2nd grade school teachers at Blanding Elementary School. They asked the Council to allow their students to be the first students in the new swimming pool before the official opening date. They explained that they would use the swimming to motivate their students to read each day. The program will be called “dive into reading”, and they presented the Council with 23 handwritten letters from the students asking for the honor of being the first children in the pool. Councilmember Laws expressed support for the students and the teachers. Advice and consent was given to allow the second grade students to be the first group of students to use the new pool as part of their “dive into reading” campaign.
4. **Councilmember Halliday moved to approve a donation to the Prevention Coalition of \$200 per quarter (\$600 total donation this year) to help with their town hall programs. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion.**
Councilmember Halliday explained that he is seeking the funding because the program benefits the entire community and has been successful in the past. He further explained that some of their grant money has expired and they are looking for additional funding sources. Councilmember Laws commented that the Council has worked for years to get people weaned off of the City as a funding source and he expressed concern with starting the practice again. Councilmember Lyman commented that he recognizes the value of the program, but is struggling to see how it fits into the proper role of the City. He further commented that it could fit within the law enforcement role of the City because the Police Department is a member of the coalition.

Councilmember Laws asked for clarification on what the other sources were for the funding and was told additional funding is coming from UNHS, CEU, San Juan School District and Utah State Highway Safety funds. Councilmember Laws clearly explained that the City only gives money to certain groups that meet the criteria. He expressed that since the City has a zero tolerance policy for drugs and alcohol it meets the criteria.

Mayor Turk called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Lyman**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

5. Mr. Webb presented the Council with a copy of the Spring 2011 City Newsletter. He pointed out that the newsletter contains information about potential cost increases that the Council wants community members to be aware of. **Councilmember Lyman moved to approve the Spring 2011 Newsletter. Councilmember Halliday seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Lyman**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

6. **Councilmember Lyman moved to approve the Community Garden Land Use Agreement. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion.** Councilmember Lyman clarified that there will be no sale of produce at the community garden. Councilmember Laws asked for clarification on what type of irrigation system would be allowed and how it would be connected to the City well. Mr. Webb explained that they would not be allowed to install an irrigation system without the approval of the City. The approval will be granted by Jeff Black, and any system would have to be dual use and allow for the well to continue to be used by community members to fill water tanks.

Mayor Turk called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Lyman**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

7. Mr. Webb informed the Council that there have been some changes to the USDA funding package for Starvation Reservoir and 300 West. They are making cities extend the loan terms to 40 years and take less grant funding. They are asking the City to take a 40 year loan with a 3.375% interest rate, and City staff recommendation is to take the funding package and proceed. The proposed package is as follows:
City of Blanding \$73,520.00
USDA Grant \$417,800
USDA Loan \$686,800 - 3.325% for 40 years
(Includes refinance of current 4th Reservoir Loan of \$485,000 at 4.5%)
Division of Drinking Water Grant \$300,000

Councilmember Laws expressed his support for the package and explained that the ability of the City to get grant funding is dependent on debt. While debt is bad, it is important to be able to secure future grant funding. He explained that our water rates are very low compared to the State average and because of that we will have an increasingly difficult time attracting grant funding because we can raise our rates to pay for projects. He expressed the feeling that we must continue to improve our water infrastructure or spend more down the road to fix problems.

Advice and consent was given to proceed with the funding process.

8. Mr. Webb informed the Council that issues have arisen with water sales at the City shop. He explained that there is a culinary tap that dispenses water, and a City staff member must stop their work to facilitate the filling of culinary water tanks. This has not been a burden in the past, but with the addition of many more homes without water in the Westwater area, the burden is increasing and causing issues. In addition, many of the residents who come for water only have small tanks and want to come many times for the \$10 charge. The charge related to getting water is \$4 per thousand gallons with a \$10 minimum per trip. Councilmember Laws commented that the charge should be raised to compensate the City for the water taken and the staff time used. Adding a coin operated dispenser to the line was also discussed. It was determined that the City staff will explore alternatives to the current system, but until something else is decided the rate will remain at \$10 per load regardless of the size of the tank (up to 3,000 gallons).
9. Mr. Webb informed the Council of a meeting he had with the Forest Service asking for City participation to rebuild a fence to keep cattle out of the watershed. A requirement of the permit is for the holder to maintain the fence, but the fence has become unmaintainable. The Forest Service is asking the City to participate with labor of City employees to work on the fence. Mr. Webb explained that he told the representatives Blanding is a small city and cannot give manpower to work on the fence without taking it from other necessary City activities. Councilmember Laws asked what is being done in other areas of the State. Mr. Webb explained that in his conversation with the Forest Service, they told him that it is the responsibility of the permit holder to maintain the fence. The Forest Service is trying to help the permit holder with their obligation, and is looking for some City participation.

Councilmember Laws discussed helping fix fencing for all landowners that share borders with Blanding City. He feels that to be a good neighbor, the City should participate wherever they share a fence with someone else. Mr. Webb expressed concern that if we participate on one fence project, we would be inundated with requests for participation that the City could not financially accommodate. The City Council determined that due to lack of sufficient time to discuss the issue and determine the appropriate policy, the City would not participate in this particular fencing project.

13. Open Forum - There were no questions or comments.
14. **Councilmember Halliday moved to adjourn. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

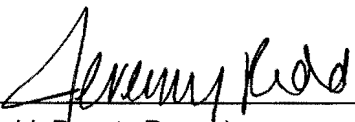
**Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Halliday**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

By 
Jeremy Redd, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
MARCH 8, 2011
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:	Mayor:	Toni Turk
	City Councilmembers:	Joe Lyman Charlie Taylor Mike Halliday David Johnson
	City Manager:	Chris Webb
	City Clerk:	Lisa Rarick
	City Engineer:	Terry Ekker
	Community Development Director:	Bret Hosler
	General Services Director:	Jeff Black
	Chief of Police:	Lyle Bayles
	Fire Chief:	Craig Stanley
	Parks & Recreation Director:	David Palmer

Absent:	City Councilmember:	Kelly Laws
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Others present: Gail Marion, Candace Davis, Claudia Black, Mickey Ekker, Robert Ogle, Merle McDonald, Ed Johnstun, Leslie Wojcik, Scott Young, Cindy Bayles.

Prayer/Thought – The prayer/thought was offered by Mayor Toni Turk

- 1 The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- 2 **Councilmember Lyman moved to approve the consent agenda, financial disbursements, and minutes of the February 22, 2011 meeting. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion.** Councilmember Lyman referred to item #7 in the minutes. He asked to include the following sentence be inserted right before the last sentence in the paragraph, *“Mr. Lyman and Mr. Halliday both indicated they don’t have utility bills because they pay online.”* Councilmember Johnson referred to a disbursement that was paid out to Chris Lee for services rendered at the fire station. He stated that Mr. Lee had been turned in twice for not having a license and unless he has since become licensed he should not be used. Chief Stanley was unaware that Mr. Lee was unlicensed and stated he would not use him in the future. **Mayor Turk called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE	Councilmember Lyman
	Councilmember Johnson
	Councilmember Halliday
Those voting NAY	NONE
Those ABSTAINING	Councilmember Taylor

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

- 3 Open Forum – Gail Marian and Candace Davis presented a list of people who are in support of an organic community garden. They requested use of the City property located south of the Visitors' Center. They would like to start as soon as the ground is ready to till and Blue Stakes have been completed. Mr. Webb stated it was a possibility that the City well at this location could be used by the community garden organization.

Blanding Prevention Coalition representatives Claudia Black, Leslie Wojcik, and Mickey Ekker were present to request a donation from the City for their April Town Hall Prevention Coalition conference to be held on April 5. At their December 2010 Town Hall meeting there were approximately 350 people in attendance. Claudia Black stated they were hoping to have the last meeting at the Wellness Center but it was not completed in time so it was held at the high school. The April conference would focus on the use of spice, ivory wave, and marijuana in the community and prevention methods. There would be food and information booths. Previously grant money was available but it had all been used.

Mayor Turk asked why the Wellness Center would be a better option than the Arts and Events Center. Claudia Black did not believe the Arts and Events Center would hold 350 people. They would like to have gym space in order to have space for the kids to play games while presenters talked with parents. Mayor Turk wanted to know if they were asking for money or space donation. Claudia Black stated they would like to have these Town Meetings 3 or 4 times per year and would like a donation of \$200 from the City for each event.

Mayor Turk stated that a councilmember would need to bring this back to council as an action item but they were not scheduled to have a meeting on March 22 due to the caucus. However, since there is no caucus this year, it would not be a conflict. Council gave advice and consent to hold a council meeting on March 22.

Councilmember Halliday will represent the Blanding Prevention Coalition request and Councilmember Lyman will represent the Community Garden request at the March 22 council meeting.

- 4 Mr. Black presented the January 2011 Natural Gas and Water Reports. Mr. Webb stated the reports are similar in usage to last year. Water is at about average for this time of year.

Chief Bayles presented the February 2011 Police Report. Mayor Turk stated he appreciated the emails received from the Police Chief and the Fire Chief regarding issues that occur.

Chief Stanley presented the February 2011 Fire Report. He reported that due to his shoulder surgery he will be in a sling for another four weeks followed by three months of physical therapy.

Project Status Report – Mr. Webb indicated that the final sign off on the Wellness Center will be Thursday, March 10. Councilmember Lyman asked if there were any highlights or surprises from the water master plan. Mr. Ekker indicated the most significant information was knowing that the City should be able to get more transmission from the tanks to town for fire flow. Mr. Webb stated that a new transmission line is a one million dollar project. Two other big projects that have not been planned for and may not even be funded for the next ten years are outside city limits and include Pinion Ridge to 700 North on Highway 191 and 2100 South to the Airport. Both projects have to do with fire flow. Mayor Turk asked about upgrades to the mountain line. Mr. Webb stated that replacing the 8 inch line was currently on the list. Mr. Webb will look for programs to take limited or no debt. According to the planners the City is in good shape in all other water areas for the next 40 years.

- 5 Transfer Station Fee Schedule Changes – Councilmember Johnson stated it had been brought to council's attention that some residents were dumping at the transfer station with modified vehicles. Mr. Webb and Mr. Redd rewrote the specifications for the transfer station. Residents will not be required to show a utility bill. They are required to put their name and address on a sign in form at the transfer station and it is monitored by staff. **Councilmember Johnson made a motion to accept the revised transfer station fee schedule. Councilmember Halliday seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Councilmember Lyman noted that "nothing flammable" should be changed to "no flammable liquids". Mayor Turk called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Johnson

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

- 6 Census Numbers – Mr. Webb reported some of the highlights from the current census. The City population is listed as 3,375 which is an increase of 213 people or a growth rate of 0.67% with 1110 households. He believed these numbers were low in comparison to the number of utility accounts which are 1160 households. He will be asking for an adjustment. The population percentage is tied to sales tax which could make a difference over the next 10 years. Mayor Turk indicated that these numbers were important for grant applications.
- 7 Wellness Center Use and Facility Donation Requests – Councilmember Taylor informed council that groups are requesting free use and paid use of the facility. Mr. Webb had provided a rental agreement for the Wellness Center for their review. He stated that staff was looking for direction from council regarding donating the facility as well as use altogether. A general discussion ensued between the council, Mr. Webb and Mr. Palmer regarding various options for managing these requests. Several events have been or will be held in the near future that have paid to use the facility. Sports tournaments do bring revenue to the City. Mr. Palmer expressed concern with allowing the gyms to be used so often that it deters the membership holders using the facility. This could result in a loss of sustainable revenue to the Wellness Center. Council gave direction to staff to use their discretion for facility rentals but that anyone wanting the facility donated must get approval from council.
- 8 Police Policy & Procedures – Chief Lyle Bayles presented the changes directed by council at the previous council meeting. Council gave advice and consent to adopt the police policy and procedures as presented.
- 9 Spring Cleanup Saturday April 23 – Mr. Webb wanted to include the spring cleanup day in the city newsletter. It was pointed out that April 23 is Easter weekend. Council and Mr. Webb decided to hold the cleanup day on Saturday April 16.

Mr. Webb reported that Denison Mines had scheduled a public officials' tour, luncheon, and presentation on March 14 and would like the city officials to attend.

Mr. Webb reported that the National Guard will be returning this summer possibly by July 4. Council may want to consider a community social or dinner to welcome them home with a formal ceremony that may include a memorial for Sgt. Thode and returning the guide on to the unit.

- 10 Open Forum – Merle McDonald asked if the City owned the property at the northeast corner of Main Street and 200 South to which Mr. Webb responded yes. She also wanted to know if the City had plans to buy the old Butt property as it is for sale. Mr. Webb stated the City is aware that it is for sale. Mrs. McDonald had heard the City was planning to build a new city office at that location. The Council informed her that there are no near future plans to build a new City Office building.

- 11 **Councilmember Lyman moved to retire to Executive Session. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE	Councilmember Taylor
	Councilmember Lyman
	Councilmember Halliday
	Councilmember Johnson
Those voting NAY	None

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Mayor and Council retired to executive session at 8:12 p.m.

Mayor and Council returned from executive session at approximately 8:42 p.m.

- 12 **Councilmember Taylor moved to adjourn. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE	Councilmember Taylor
	Councilmember Lyman
	Councilmember Halliday
	Councilmember Johnson
Those voting NAY	None

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

By 
Jeremy Redd, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
FEBRUARY 22, 2011
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

City Councilmembers: Joe Lyman
Kelly Laws
Mike Halliday
David Johnson

City Manager: Chris Webb

Finance Director: Jeremy Redd

City Engineer: Terry Ekker

Recreation Director: Bret Hosler

General Services Director: Jeff Black

Absent:

City Councilmember: Charlie Taylor

Mayor: Toni Turk

Others Present: Neil Joslin, Monson Brown, Steven Pugh, Robert Ogle, Ed Johnstun.

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Mike Halliday.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Lyman moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the February 8, 2011 meeting. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Halliday**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws declared the motion carried.

3. Open Forum – No comments were made.
4. David Palmer addressed the Council regarding the recreation department. He informed them that girls and boys basketball are almost finished, and the men's basketball league will finish in a few weeks. There were a record number of youth participating this year, with 81 kids in four grades.

He explained that the Wellness Center is open and running well. The addition of the facility has allowed for a much smoother basketball and volleyball season and he is finding coaches more interested in volunteering their time towards youth sports. Over 500 people have already signed up for yearly memberships to the new facility, and 69 college students have also signed up in the first week. Councilmember Halliday asked how many people needed to sign up to meet projections, and Mr. Webb told him 1200. He also explained that there will be another surge of memberships when the pool opens in May.

Councilmembers Laws, Johnson and Lyman asked for a written quarterly report to be prepared by the Recreation Director for information about sports and participation levels. Councilmember Johnson asked about tournaments in the new facility. Mr. Palmer explained that Junior Olympic volleyball has used the facility for tournaments, and he is also staging a youth basketball tournament for teams around the area on March 19th. The event is expected to bring 5th and 6th grade teams from the entire four corners area.

5. Mr. Webb gave a status report on the building projects currently in progress in the City. He explained the changes that are proposed for the City Office remodel and asked for questions and comments. He explained that the project should commence in the next 30 days.
6. **Councilmember Halliday moved to approve the joint use agreement with San Juan School District. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws repeated the motion and asked for discussion.** Mr. Webb explained that it is time to renew the agreement to use facilities, and he is looking for a few changes. He would like the see the district maintain their fields to a higher level and the agreement also exempts the new Wellness Center from being used by the district except on a case-by-case basis. Councilmember Laws asked who pays for damages to the facilities and Mr. Webb explained that it has never been an issue in the past, but we could make a claim on their liability insurance. Councilmember Halliday asked what would happen if the district did not sign the agreement and Mr. Webb explained that it would be up to the Council to determine the next step. They could disallow the High School baseball team to play on the City fields. There was a discussion about food vending and the revenue that is generated. **Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Halliday
NONE**

Those voting NAY

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws declared the motion carried.

7. Councilmember Laws began a discussion about possible changes to fees at the Transfer Station. A discussion occurred about sizes of trucks to be allowed and overage charges for extraordinarily large vehicles. Mr. Laws suggested requiring each person to produce a copy of a current utility bill to use the station. Mr. Black commented that the biggest problem right now at the facility is the dumping of commercial waste that has always been prohibited.
11. Open Forum – No comments were made.

14. **Councilmember Johnson moved to adjourn. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Halliday**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

By _____
Jeremy Redd, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
FEBRUARY 8, 2011
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:	City Councilmembers:	Joe Lyman Kelly Laws Charlie Taylor Mike Halliday David Johnson
	City Manager:	Chris Webb
	City Clerk:	Lisa Rarick
	City Engineer:	Terry Ekker
	Community Development Director:	Bret Hosler
	General Services Director:	Jeff Black
	Chief of Police:	Lyle Bayles

Absent:	Mayor:	Toni Turk
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Others present: Thomas Ridley, Resheena Chee, Tyler Sacaney, Merle McDonald, Ed Johnstun, Ida Yellowman, Terri Laws, Kade Johnson, Bodey Johnson, Robert Ogle, Jaren Brown, William Brown, Jimmy Bayles.

Prayer/Thought – The prayer/thought was offered by Chris Webb

1 The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2 **Councilmember Lyman moved to approve the minutes and consent agenda of the January 25, 2011 meeting. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE	Councilmember Lyman
	Councilmember Laws
	Councilmember Taylor
	Councilmember Halliday
Those voting NAY	NONE
Those ABSTAINING	Councilmember Johnson

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws declared the motion carried.

3 Open Forum – Thomas Ridley representing the USU Running Club made a request to have the Wellness Center gyms donated for a fundraising basketball tournament. The purpose is to raise

funds for running equipment and to build the program. The tournament would be scheduled for April which could potentially bring in teams from Phoenix, Tucson, Salt Lake City, Denver and the reservation. The tournament would be held on Friday and Saturday and include both a men's and a women's bracket. Mr. Ridley was advised to contact Councilmember Taylor for further discussion.

Gail Marian was not present to discuss a community garden.

- 4 Mr. Black presented the January 2011 Natural Gas and Water Reports. Councilmember Laws asked for clarification on a water report. Mr. Webb informed Council that report had not yet been distributed to the Council but had just been given to Councilmember Laws since he was the councilmember over water. Councilmember Halliday asked about the estimated usage of gas for last year at this time. Mr. Webb and Mr. Black reported that it appeared to be a clerical error.

Chief Bayles presented the January 2011 Police Report. Cases are down slightly and citations are up slightly. Back up officer 3Z6 is Jeff Whipple. He covered a few shifts for the department and helped follow up on some cases. A general discussion ensued regarding statistics included on the report and the status of cases. Chief Bayles also reported that Officer Workman was back on duty although he is not completely recovered.

Mr. Webb presented the January 2011 Fire Report. He stated that Chief Stanley is doing a real good job going through everything and trying to get up to speed.

- 5 **Councilmember Laws made a motion to remove the no parking signs along Hwy 191. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws repeated the motion and asked for discussion.** Councilmember Laws reported the only place on Hwy 191 in Blanding that no parking signs are posted is by Yak's Café. Trucks appear to be stopping to patronize Yak's Café but then see the signs and continue on down the Highway. This creates an unfair situation for one business owner that does not impact other business owners. Councilmember Taylor stated that removal of the signs fits within the law. Mr. Ekker does not see any problems with removing the signs. **Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Johnson
NONE

Those voting NAY

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws declared the motion carried.

- 6 Chief Bayles presented the Police Policy. Several issues were discussed and addressed. Chief Bayles will make the changes and corrections to the policy as discussed. It will be on the agenda for the next council meeting as an action item.
- 7 Councilmember Halliday requested a report on the Wellness Center. Mr. Webb reported that David Palmer, Parks and Recreation Director, had a conflict tonight but would be on the next agenda. Mr. Webb reported there are currently 371 individuals signed up. Dollar-wise the City needs to collect \$8,750 per month. Based on the current number of memberships there is just over \$3,000 to be billed monthly. This is after one week of the Wellness Center being opened. There has been a steady flow of applications and Mr. Webb expects another influx of memberships when the pool opens. There has been a lot of support and numerous positive comments. There will be a full report on the Wellness Center as well as an update on the recreation programs by Mr. Palmer at the next council meeting.
- 8 Open Forum – Jimmy Bayles asked for clarification on prices at the transfer station. He has a 1969 Chevy one ton 2-wheel drive pickup that has a dump bed on it. The capacity is equal to a one-ton pickup with a rack. How would it be classified? Mr. Webb stated it would be classified at the dump truck rate of \$24. Mr. Bayles stated he had been paying that rate but maybe he should trade it in for a tandem axle trailer with a dump bed. They have twice the capacity his truck does but yet they are only charged \$6. Mr. Webb said it appears the City needs to charge more for trailers.

Jimmy Bayles commented on unsafe conditions for pedestrians in crosswalks, especially the one located at 100 South and Main. It is his understanding that the pedestrian has the right-of-way once they enter the crosswalk. He would like to see the City and/or Police Department investigate and educate the public on this issue.

- 9 **Councilmember Johnson moved to retire to Executive Session. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Taylor

Councilmember Lyman

Councilmember Laws

Councilmember Halliday

Councilmember Johnson

Those voting NAY

None

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws declared the motion carried.

Mayor Pro-Tempore and Council retired to executive session at 7:35 p.m.

Mayor Pro-Tempore and Council returned from executive session at approximately 8:16 p.m.

- 10 Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws stated in regards to the request tonight for use of the Wellness Center as a fundraiser, there should be some protocols or regulations in place or the City could end up giving away the place for free. He would like to see it as a discussion item on the next council agenda.
- 11 **Councilmember Taylor moved to adjourn. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Johnson**

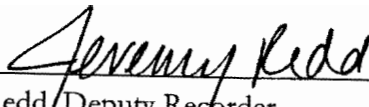
Those voting NAY

None

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

By _____


Jeremy Redd, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
JANUARY 25, 2011
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

City Councilmembers: Joe Lyman
Kelly Laws
Charlie Taylor
Mike Halliday
City Manager: Chris Webb
Finance Director: Jeremy Redd
City Engineer: Terry Ekker
Community Development Director: Bret Hosler
General Services Director: Jeff Black
Chief of Police: Lyle Bayles

Absent:

City Councilmember: David Johnson
Mayor: Toni Turk

Others Present: Ridge Holt, Dylan Ivins, Keith Ivins, Steve Hiatt, Ryan Heck, Michael Redd, Stan Hurst, Dustin Redd, Corry Raisor, Joshua Hunt, Cole Barton, Mikell Monson, Luke Blake, William Blake, Richard Ward, Jared Ward, Justin Hunt, Phil Mueller, Rick Eldredge, Baylr Eldredge, Terri Laws, Teri Paul, Danny Fleming, Ida Yellowman, Robert Ogle, Jeremy Lyman, Brayden Meyer.

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Jeremy Redd.

- 1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.**
- 2. Councilmember Lyman moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the January 11, 2011 meeting. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Halliday
NONE**

Those voting NAY

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws declared the motion carried.

3. Open Forum – Teri Paul addressed the Council representing Edge of the Cedars Museum. She informed the Council that a legislative audit report was released that recommended the closure of the museum. She told the Council that there has been an outpouring of support from the local community in favor of the museum and she feels that the support might be turning the tide in favor of keeping the museum open. She explained that there will be budget cuts that affect the facility and there may be staffing cuts coming.

Mr. Webb asked about the volunteer program at the museum and Teri explained that they have some volunteers and might need more after the cuts.

Councilmember Halliday asked about using court ordered service at the facility and Teri responded that they use some and might look to allow more service hours to be used.

Councilmember Laws asked about the repository for artifacts that is located at Edge of the Cedars in addition to the museum. Teri explained that there are two floors of storage for over 500,000 ancient artifacts that have to be kept at a particular temperature and humidity. Councilmember Laws asked what would happen to the artifacts if the museum is closed and was told the owners of the items would be asked to take them back.

Mr. Webb informed the Council that Mayor Turk has spoken with both legislative representatives for the Blanding area asking them to do everything possible to keep the museum open.

4. Mr. Hosler presented the 2010 Building Report.
5. Mr. Webb gave a status report on the building projects currently in progress in the City. He explained that the Wellness Center is set to open on February 1, with an open house preceding the opening date.
6. Councilmember Taylor asked the Council to allow the use of the foyer of the Wellness Center on May 20th as registration space for the "Huff to Bluff" marathon. He feels that allowing the use of the space will showcase what Blanding has to offer to recreation-minded individuals. **Councilmember Taylor moved to allow the use of the Wellness Center foyer for marathon registration on May 20th. Councilmember Halliday seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws repeated the motion and asked for discussion.** Councilmember Laws encouraged the marathon organizers, but expressed concern that the name is promoting Bluff and not Blanding. Ryan Heck spoke for the event organizers and explained that even though the name does not include Blanding, many racers will stay here and add to the local economy. **Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

Those voting NAY

Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Halliday
NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws declared the motion carried.

7. Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws read a statement from Mayor Turk asking the Council to approve Craig Stanley as Fire Chief. Advice and consent was given to approve the appointment of Craig Stanley.
8. Steve Jones from Hansen, Allen and Luce presented the Council with the results of the Water Master Plan. He explained the purpose of the plan is to identify water needs and projects for the City for the next 40 years. He explained that with raising the 4th reservoir and the new Water Treatment Plant, the City is in very good shape for the anticipated growth. He identified over \$3 million in potential projects that may need to be completed during that time frame.
9. Councilmember Laws explained that he had been approached by a business owner on Grayson Parkway who is concerned about "no parking" signs on Hwy 191 in front of her business. She explained that the lack of street parking is driving away potential customers. Councilmember Laws explained that the signs were placed after complaints from neighbors who are no longer full-time area residents. He expressed a desire to provide equal treatment to all business owners in Blanding and would like to look at the possibility of removing the signs. Councilmember Taylor expressed his agreement and explained that less signs are almost always better. Councilmember Laws asked that the issue be reviewed by City staff and brought back as an action item for the next meeting.
10. Councilmember Laws read a letter from the San Juan County Road Department asking the City to help encourage residents to remove their vehicles from the streets during and after a snow storm.
11. Open Forum – Bret Hosler commented on the "Huff to Bluff" marathon and commended the organizers of the event. He hopes more people in the community will organize and support events.
12. Councilmember Lyman moved to retire to Executive Session. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Halliday**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws declared the motion carried.

Mayor and Council retired to executive session at 8:34 pm.

Mayor and Council returned from executive session at approximately 8:45 pm.

14. Councilmember Lyman moved to adjourn. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Halliday

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

By Jeremy Redd
Jeremy Redd, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
JANUARY 11, 2011
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor: Toni Turk
City Councilmembers: Mike Halliday
David Johnson
Charlie Taylor
Joe Lyman
City Administrator: Chris Webb
Finance Director: Jeremy Redd
General Services Director: Jeff Black
Chief of Police: Lyle Bayles
City Engineer: Terry Ekker

Absent:

City Councilmembers: Kelly Laws

Others Present: Ed Johnstun, Robert Ogle, Cindy Bayles, Jerry Mitchell, Corey Workman.

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by David Johnson.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Johnson moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the December 14, 2010 meeting. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Lyman**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

3. Open Forum – No public comments were made.
4. Mayor Turk presented a tribute to Fire Chief Kent Hawkins who passed away unexpectedly:

"Our community has lost one of its stalwarts. Kent Hawkins was deeply motivated by a sense of duty and service. He began as a volunteer fireman in 1986 and was very active with that department. He was made Fire Chief in July 2003 when his uncle, Gordon Hawkins, retired from that position. Kent played a significant role in the evolution of the Blanding Fire Department into a group of highly trained and motivated volunteers, who were inspired by his example of professionalism. On his watch the department's equipment and facilities were significantly improved. Kent leaves us with some pretty big fireman's boots to fill.

Kent and his wife Barbara's service extended to the young men of our area. They have been deeply involved with Scouting, including most recently the Troop in Bluff. Kent's service was recognized by the award of the Silver Beaver in 2004. He was a Fox in Wood Badge and a member of the Order of the Arrow.

Kent was a man of faith. He and Barbara are devoted Latter-Day Saints. At this time of grieving his family is strengthened by the promise of eternal purpose and relationships. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

The City of Blanding pays tribute to this great man and benefactor of our community."

5. Mr. Black presented the December 2010 Natural Gas and Water Reports. There were no questions or comments.
6. Mr. Webb presented the December 2010 Fire Report. There were no questions or comments.
7. Chief Bayles presented the December 2010 Police Report. He commented that there has been an increase in thefts and a decrease in alcohol related offenses. There was a search warrant served this week in connection with the thefts, but very little was found at the residence.
8. Mr. Webb presented a project status report outlining each City project. He commented that there will be several projects completed in 2011 including \$2 million for road projects. Substantial completion has been reached on the Wellness Center and the first game in the new facility will be Thursday. Councilmember Johnson asked if the baseball field has been repaired and is usable. Mr. Webb explained that it is in the process of being fixed and will be ready for use soon.

Mr. Webb informed Council that there will be an open house for the Wellness Center on the night of January 28th and the morning of the 29th. There will be another open house and official ribbon cutting ceremony in May when the pool opens.

Councilmember Lyman asked about the delays on the Wellness Center and if there are penalties in the contract. Mr. Webb explained that there are not liquidated damages in the contract and there has been reasons for the delays with subcontractors and other factors.

9. Chief Bayles addressed the Council regarding implementing a vehicle leasing program for police vehicles. He recommended leasing four police vehicles and adding them to the lease program as they come up for replacement. The cost to lease each vehicle is \$7,732.15 per year. He explained that each officer would get a new lease vehicle every two years and he feels it would be a good deal for the City.

Mr. Webb expressed concerns with the higher cost of leasing as opposed to purchasing new vehicles. He cited additional insurance costs as well as costs associated with preparing the vehicles for lease return. He explained that the City was leasing vehicles when he was hired and they moved away from leasing to save money.

Advice and consent was given by the Council for the lease of one vehicle to replace the car that was totaled in an accident.

10. Mr. Webb explained that in the past the police department has identified vehicles that are parked on City streets and do not move. The City then sends out letters informing the owners that they must be moved or face penalties. Mr. Webb asked the police department to identify the vehicles for the sending of letters.

Councilmember Taylor asked about commercial trucks parked on streets and whether people could be asked to move them during the winter months. He expressed safety concerns due to children walking to school and poor visibility. It was determined that the City would approach the truck owners and ask them for their help in the matter.

11. Chief Bayles asked for approval to hire two new part-time officers. The officers work for San Juan County and would be used to fill in shifts that cannot be covered by full time officers. Advice and consent was given to hire Jaren Adams and Jeff Whipple as part-time officers.

12. Open Forum - There were no questions or comments.

13. **Councilmember Taylor moved to retire to Executive Session. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Halliday**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Mayor and Council retired to executive session at 8:53 pm.

Mayor and Council returned from executive session at approximately 9:15 pm.

14. **Councilmember Taylor moved to adjourn. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Halliday**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

By 
Jeremy Redd, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
DECEMBER 14, 2010
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor: Toni Turk
City Councilmembers: Mike Halliday
David Johnson
Charlie Taylor
Joe Lyman
Kelly Laws
City Administrator: Chris Webb
Finance Director: Jeremy Redd
City Engineer: Terry Ekker
Community Development Director: Bret Hosler

Others Present: Terri Laws, Merle McDonald, Ben Crane, Will Walker, Robert Ogle, Neil Joslin.

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Joe Lyman

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Laws moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the November 23, 2010 meeting. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Laws**

Those Abstaining

Councilmember Lyman

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

3. Open Forum – Sgt. Will Walker addressed the Council representing the 118 Sapper Company of the Utah National Guard stationed in Blanding. He commented about Sgt. James Thode who was killed in Afghanistan. He explained that Sgt. Thode was a special soldier and a leader of the local unit. He had a chance to leave the guard in 2002, but stayed to help train the unit. His knowledge of training tactics were unmatched. Sgt. Walker explained that he was honored to have Sgt. Thode as a friend and a peer and he will be greatly missed. Sgt. Walker asked that the City consider naming the road that leads to the Blanding National Guard Armory after Sgt. Thode.

Sgt. Ben Crane addressed the Council and expressed his thanks and gratitude for the community and the support they give to the troops from the area. He further thanked the people of Blanding for having the patriotism, fortitude and sense of sacrifice to stand up for freedom wherever it needs supporting and supporting the 118 Sapper Unit fighting for our freedom.

Mayor Turk read the following prepared statement:

Other than our soldiers, not many in Blanding had the privilege of knowing Sgt. 1st Class Jim Thode, who lived in Kirtland, NM, and served as a sergeant with the Farmington Police Department. It was my great honor to meet Sgt. Thode when he entrusted the guidon of the 118th Engineer Sapper Company to me to be held in the Blanding City Offices until the return of our troops from their current deployment to Afghanistan. In that ceremony I was struck by the strength that he exuded and the confidence that he inspired in the young men under his command.

The deployment to Afghanistan was Sgt. Thode's third deployment. He was eligible to retire from the Guard and did not have to go, but he felt a responsibility to take our young men to war with his experience to guide them. In Afghanistan our troops have the challenging assignment of clearing roads for the coalition forces. He led by example and his death was a direct consequence of fulfilling that mission.

Our young men are serving all of us in a significant combat role with their lives on the line. They will be forever changed by the service that they are rendering. When they return they will not just be veterans of Afghanistan, they will be warriors who have a bond of brotherhood with others who have similarly served in harm's way. They will always carry Sgt. Thode's memory in their hearts.

Two of our Guardsmen were in Blanding when Sgt. Thode was killed, and have now returned to their unit. I took the opportunity to describe to one of them the memorial streamer that we have created to adorn their unit guidon honoring Sgt. Thode's service. The request was made that the tribute to Sgt. Thode and our love and support for the men of the 118th be relayed to them. Appreciation for the tribute and support was expressed, and assurance was given that our young servicemen recognize and appreciate the support that they feel from our community.

The streamer that is affixed to the guidon of the 118th makes note of Sgt. Thode's sacrifice. I am confident that Sgt. Thode's desire would be that no other streamers have to be added to accompany his. On behalf of the community I pay tribute to Sgt. Thode for his service to our young men and to our country. We owe him and them a great debt. Thank God that we have those like Sgt. Thode, who are willing to serve to preserve the freedoms that we enjoy in this great land!

Mayor Turk affixed a black streamer to the 118 Sapper Unit flag to recognize the loss and service of Sgt. James Thode.

4. Mr. Webb presented the November 2010 Natural Gas and Water Reports. There were no questions or comments.
5. Mr. Webb presented the November 2010 Fire Report. There were no questions or comments.
6. Mayor Turk presented the November 2010 Police Report. There were no questions or comments.
7. Mr. Webb reported that Mayor Turk and Mr. Ekker accompanied him to the CIB to request \$2,000,000 in funding for road projects in Blanding. They were successful in receiving a \$1,000,000 grant and a \$1,000,000 - 0% interest loan to complete the project. The money to pay the loan was secured by Councilmember Laws from the County Transportation District.
8. Mr. Webb updated the Council on the status of current City projects. He informed the Council that small delays have occurred at the Wellness Center and the ribbon cutting ceremony has been delayed until the center is completed sometime in January.

Councilmember Lyman asked about additional delays. Mr. Webb explained that the contractor is behind 8 weeks from the original completion date.

9. Mr. Webb explained that the Forest Service is working on a project around the Nizhoni campground area of Blue Mountain. He has reviewed the plan and sees no significant problems with the action, but he wanted to make sure the Council was aware of the project.
10. Mr. Webb informed the Council that this will be the final Council meeting in December.
11. Mr. Webb informed the Council that the City has applied for and received a small grant to help with the cost of revamping the website and helping to market the City. It has also been matched with a grant from San Juan County.
12. Open Forum – Merle McDonald asked for a report on the vehicle robberies in Blanding. Councilmember Taylor informed her that there have been a string of robberies this week. He asked citizens to secure their vehicles, be vigilant and report suspicious behavior to the police.

15. **Councilmember Lyman moved to retire to Executive Session. Councilmember Halliday seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Halliday**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Mayor and Council retired to executive session at 7:38 pm.

Mayor and Council returned from executive session at approximately 8:45 pm.

21. **Councilmember Lyman moved to adjourn. Councilmember Laws seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Halliday**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

By _____
Jeremy Redd, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
NOVEMBER 23, 2010
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

City Councilmembers: David Johnson

Kelly Laws

Charlie Taylor

City Manager: Chris Webb

City Treasurer: Jeremy Redd

City Engineer: Terry Ekker

Community Development Director: Bret Hosler

General Services Director: Jeff Black

Chief of Police: Lyle Bayles

Absent:

City Councilmembers: Joe Lyman

Mike Halliday

Mayor: Toni Turk

Others Present: Cindy Bayles, Terri Laws, Jeremy Lyman, Cohen Lyman, Ed Johnstun, Wendy Johnstun.

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Kelly Laws.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Johnson moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the November 9, 2010 meeting. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Johnson

Councilmember Laws

Councilmember Taylor

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws declared the motion carried.

3. Open Forum – No public comments were given.

4. Mr. Webb informed the Council that a bid opening had been held on the City Office remodel project. Tri-Hurst was the sole bidder, and Mr. Webb recommended awarding the contract to Tri-Hurst as outlined in their cost proposal. **Councilmember Taylor moved to award the project to Tri-Hurst Construction as outlined in their cost proposal. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws repeated the motion and asked for discussion.** Councilmember Johnson expressed his support for not requiring Tri-Hurst to carry a bond for the project. **Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Johnson

Councilmember Laws

Councilmember Taylor

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws declared the motion carried.

5. Mr. Webb informed the Council that a bid opening had also been held on the pool demolition project. Tri-Hurst was the sole bidder, and Mr. Webb recommended awarding the contract to Tri-Hurst as outlined in their cost proposal. **Councilmember Taylor moved to award the project to Tri-Hurst Construction as outlined in their cost proposal. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws repeated the motion and asked for discussion.** Councilmember Johnson asked questions about the size and construction of the new pavilion. Mr. Webb commented that the pavilion will have two restrooms and a serving area. It will be larger than the pavilions at Centennial Park. Mr. Webb informed the Council that he has written a letter to the LDS Church requesting participation in building the facility. **Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Johnson

Councilmember Laws

Councilmember Taylor

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws declared the motion carried.

6. Mr. Redd presented the Council with a copy of the proposed Holiday Schedule and City Council Schedule for 2011. He explained that the only change from previous years was to cancel the second meeting in March because it conflicted with neighborhood caucus meetings. **Councilmember Johnson moved to approve the 2011 City Council Schedule and 2011 City Holiday Schedule. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Johnson

Councilmember Laws

Councilmember Taylor

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws declared the motion carried.

7. Mr. Webb informed the Council that they have previously approved entering into a planning advance agreement with the Division of Water Quality. They have requested that the request be adopted by a formal motion. **Councilmember Taylor moved to approve the Water Quality Planning Advance. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Johnson

Councilmember Laws

Councilmember Taylor

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws declared the motion carried.

8. **Councilmember Taylor moved to enter a public hearing regarding a Community Development Block Grant Application. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Johnson

Councilmember Laws

Councilmember Taylor

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws declared the motion carried.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Kelly Laws, opened the public hearing at 7:30 pm for comment and suggestion on the CDBG program and stated that this hearing is being called to consider potential projects for which funding may be applied under the 2011 Community Development Block Grant Program. It was explained that the grant money needed to be spent on projects benefiting primarily low and moderate income persons. The Southeast Utah Association of Local Governments, of which the City of Blanding is a member, was expecting to receive approximately \$500,000 in this new program year. All eligible activities which can be accomplished under this program are identified in the CDBG Application Guide and interested persons can review it at any time.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Kelly Laws had City Manager Chris Webb then review several of the eligible activities listed including, (Examples such as: Construction of public works and facilities, ie: water and sewer lines, fire stations, acquisition of real property, provision of public services like food shelters, also eligible are loan programs for private businesses which would then hire low income persons and the program can also pay for housing rehabilitation for low income homeowners or for persons owning rental housing for lower income persons).

Mr. Webb indicated that the City of Blanding has received a number of CDBG grants in the past through which the City has been able to do water projects, and park rehabilitation projects. The city has handed out its capital investment plan as part of the regional "Consolidated Plan". This list shows which projects the city has identified as being needed in the community. He further explained that the City Council is considering applying for funding help for sewer line upgrades and improvements and informed those present that anyone with questions, comments or suggestions throughout the hearing please identify themselves by name, before they speak. The clerk will include your names in the minutes and we would like to specifically respond to your questions and suggestions during the hearing.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws, then opened the meeting for comments and suggestions from the public. Gary Guymon commented that he is in favor of applying for money to improve sewer lines. He expressed appreciation for improvements that have been made in the past. There were no other comments or questions from the public. Mayor Pro-Tempore Kelly Laws then asked for any further questions or comments from the audience. There being no other comments hearing was adjourned at 7:40.

Councilmember Taylor moved to leave the public hearing regarding a Community Development Block Grant Application. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Johnson

Councilmember Laws

Councilmember Taylor

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws declared the motion carried.

9. Mr. Webb informed the Council that the City had received a proposed letter of support for the Cowboy Museum. He explained that the letter states that the City is aware of and supports the project. Advice and consent was given to sign the letter of support for the museum.
10. Mr. Webb presented the Council with the proposed City Newsletter. He explained that the newsletter will be used to get information to the public regarding winter activities and city issues. It will be sent out with utility bills in November. Advice and consent was given to approve the newsletter.
11. Mr. Webb informed the Council of the City Christmas Party to be held December 16th at 6: 00pm at the Arts & Events Center.
12. Mr. Bayles informed the Council that the search for a replacement police vehicle is still in progress. He asked about the possibility of leasing police vehicles as opposed to purchasing them outright. After discussion with the Council, it was decided that he would send the leasing information to Mr. Webb for review. Mr. Bayles explained that the leasing company would come to a meeting and present the information if necessary.
13. Councilmember Laws expressed his appreciation to the City Staff and Mr. Ekker specifically for the road project that has been completed. He expressed appreciation for pushing the contractor to get the project completed before winter.
14. Open Forum – Sharon Guymon addressed the Council and commented that when she lived in Logan they made a city park into an ice skating rink in the winter. She asked the Council to consider something like that in Blanding.

15. **Councilmember Taylor moved to adjourn. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

By _____
Jeremy Redd, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
NOVEMBER 9, 2010
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor: Toni Turk
City Councilmembers: Mike Halliday
David Johnson
Charlie Taylor
Joe Lyman
City Administrator: Chris Webb
Finance Director: Jeremy Redd
General Services Director: Jeff Black
City Engineer: Terry Ekker
Community Development Director: Bret Hosler

Absent:

City Councilmembers: Kelly Laws

Others Present: Jeremy Lyman, Ed Johnstun, Wendy Johnstun, Phil Mueller, Lou Mueller, Sharon Guymon, Dale Slade, Robert Ogle, Lawrence Guymon, Gary Guymon, Merle McDonald.

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Charlie Taylor.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Lyman moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the October 26, 2010 meeting. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Lyman**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

3. Open Forum – Sharon Guymon addressed the Council representing the Southeastern Utah Museum of the West. She asked for a letter of support from the City to begin securing funding. She explained that the planned museum would be located south of the current Visitor Center. She expressed her vision that the museum would promote economic growth from visitation, as well as helping local residents gain a greater understanding of their history.

Gary Guymon also addressed the Council and explained he has placed an exhibit on Posey in the Visitor Center. He expressed support for the proposed museum and explained it will allow people to come and learn about pioneers and indians.

Mayor Turk recommended that the museum board bring a proposed draft of a letter of support to the Council for them to review.

4. Mr. Black presented the October 2010 Natural Gas and Water Reports. There were no questions or comments.
5. Mr. Webb presented the October 2010 Fire Report. There were no questions or comments.
6. Mayor Turk presented the October 2010 Police Report. There were no questions or comments.
7. **Councilmember Halliday moved to approve the Trap Use Agreement. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion.** Councilmember Halliday explained that changes have been made to the agreement based on discussion during a previous meeting. **Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Lyman**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

8. Mayor Turk asked for advice and consent to appoint Kylor Perkins to the Recreation Board. Advice and consent was given to proceed with the appointment.

9. The Council reviewed possible bids for a replacement police vehicle. Issues were raised about the age and mileage of the vehicles being considered. Councilmembers discussed the merits of purchasing a car versus an SUV. Advice and consent was given to allow Chief Bayles to purchase a vehicle of his choice not to exceed \$16,000.
10. Mr. Webb explained that each year the City undertakes a process to determine the capital project needs for the City. The list is used by various entities to secure funding. He also explained that a list is developed to plan for projects to be completed in the next five years. The project on the list for next year is a new mountain pipeline for delivering mountain water to the reservoirs. Councilmember Lyman asked Mr. Black if he feels the pipeline is a necessary project. Mr. Black explained that the pipeline is a redundancy, but the current line was installed in 1954, is already past its useful life and needs to be replaced. Mr. Webb explained that he will approach funding sources and bring back options of grant and loan. He informed the Council that it is highly unlikely the City will receive all grant for the project. Advice and consent was given to approve the CIB project list.
11. Mr. Webb presented a proposed agreement from Emery Telcom to renew the franchise agreement. He explained they are asking for a 10 year agreement with changes. Mr. Webb recommended renewing the existing agreement for a three year term with no changes. Advice and consent was given to extend the existing agreement for three years.
12. Mayor Turk informed the Council that Lynette Adams was extremely thankful to the City for paving the road leading to her home.
13. Mayor Turk read a prepared statement regarding the wellness center and the possible funding of passes through insurance company wellness programs:

*Our new Wellness Center will be completed in the near future. The Council has understandably proceeded with caution to ensure that we are able to meet our operation and maintenance (O & M) costs. It has been calculated that 300 family passes will be required to meet the costs of the facility as currently constructed. We are all aware that many of our voters had hoped the facility would also include an indoor pool, but O & M projections have made that a tentative decision. I have learned that **Humana** would pay the Wellness Center membership fees for its subscribers, if the City establishes collaboration with the "**Silver Sneakers**" program. An educated guess is that we have 250-300 **Humana** subscribers in our immediate area. The ages of the majority of these potential members are such that they would probably constitute additional Wellness Center memberships beyond the currently projected family passes.*

*I have asked our City Manager to explore the "**Silver Sneakers**" **Humana** potential and to crunch the numbers to see if this moves us closer to the O & M costs that would be required to add the indoor pool feature.*

14. Open Forum – Ed Johnstun commented that PEHP and the State of Utah may also pay a portion of the membership which may help pay operating costs at the new wellness center.

15. **Councilmember Taylor moved to adjourn. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Halliday**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

By _____
Jeremy Redd, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
OCTOBER 26, 2010
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor:	Toni Turk
City Councilmembers:	Mike Halliday David Johnson Charlie Taylor Joe Lyman Kelly Laws
City Administrator:	Chris Webb
City Engineer:	Terry Ekker
General Services Director:	Jeff Black
Community Development Director:	Bret Hosler
Chief of Police:	Lyle Bayles
City Clerk:	Lisa Rarick

Others Present: Robert Ogle, Cindy Bayles.

Prayer/Thought – The prayer/thought was offered by Mike Halliday.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Lyman moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the October 12, 2010 meeting and to amend the agenda to include an executive session. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting Aye

**Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Lyman**

Those voting Nay

None

Those abstaining

Councilmember Laws

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

3. Open Forum – There were no questions or comments.
4. Mr. Webb gave a project status report on city projects currently completed or underway. Councilmember Johnson asked when the Wellness Center would be open and was told by Mr. Webb that he is hoping for a grand opening and ribbon cutting around Thanksgiving. Councilmember Johnson questioned the same day bid requirement for the City office renovation and old pool demolition/pavilion construction. Mr. Webb stated he was hoping to use the CM/GC on each job. Councilmember Laws inquired on the status of the road projects. Mr. Ekker reported that he and Mr. Webb had requested paving at the treatment plant as a priority over other projects because the City will lose that money if it is not spent. This may delay a couple of street projects until next spring. Councilmember Laws stated LeGrand Johnson does the same thing to the City every year by overbidding the number of projects they can do. How can this situation be resolved? Mr. Ekker suggested getting projects out for bid earlier. Councilmember Laws would like to see better performance from LeGrand Johnson and wants them to know that those who are paying for the projects are not happy. Mayor Turk asked when 300 West would be completed. Mr. Ekker reported that the road needs to dry out for the concrete waterway to be completed. He estimated that being approximately two weeks.
5. Mr. Webb reported that the sewer master plan grant was presented to the Division of Water Quality and they voted to fund it as a planning advance. The City would have 5 years to complete it or roll into another project. Once the water master plan is completed they City would move right into the sewer master plan. The draft water master plan will be presented to the Council in November before it is finalized.
6. Mr. Webb reported that the Horse Butte Wind project has been closed. It will be funded and going forward as planned.
7. Councilmember Halliday presented the Cage and Trap Use Agreement draft for discussion. Council discussed several changes to the agreement. More specifically that removing dogs from traps is solely the responsibility of the animal control officer, the entire document should be in the same voice of first person, and the police secretary be contacted to request an extension. Council was in agreement to change the title from “Cage and Trap Use Agreement” to “Trap Use Agreement” and for the language throughout the document to reflect that change. Councilmember Laws requested a copy of the final agreement included in the next council meeting packet.
8. Councilmember Taylor reported on the police car replacement. He was concerned that by saving money and not fully insuring cars the police department was now out one car with no means to replace it. He wanted to know what Council could do to alleviate the situation. Councilmember Taylor had discussed options with staff such as opening the budget which requires a public hearing or

using savings to purchase another vehicle. Mr. Webb stated the City carried liability only or in other words was self-insured. It would be up to Council to decide how they wanted to handle the loss. Chief Bayles was asked for his input on what was needed for his department to operate. He felt it was better to replace the vehicle rather than put money into fixing the reserve vehicle. He discussed with council the idea of purchasing a used vehicle that was fully equipped minus the decals and radio. This option could be fairly quick and with less money. The Council discussed the option of purchasing one new vehicle (which was already included in the budget); one used vehicle and selling the three older vehicles. Toward the end of the fiscal year the budget could be reviewed and reopened at that time if needed. The Council also discussed the option of insuring just the police vehicles with collision and a higher deductible. Mr. Webb suggested bringing vehicle quotes back as an action item to the next meeting.

9. Mayor Turk presented the Navajo Nation MOU for discussion. A document was received from the Navajo Nation requesting an MOU from the City addressing the issues of race relations within the Blanding community. The Mayor had drafted a preamble to the MOU. Council discussed why there would be a need for an MOU on this subject and was unclear as to the real intent of the document. After additional discussion Council agreed that a response should be made as a show of respect to the Navajo Nation's request but that it should be in letter form and not an MOU. Mayor Turk stated he would draft a letter of response directly to Mr. Tahe from him personally and not from the Council to the Navajo Nation.
10. Mr. Webb reported on the graffiti problem since the start of the college semester. A \$500 reward had been offered in the paper for any information regarding the person(s) responsible for tagging areas throughout town. Due to good police work an individual was arrested earlier in the day. Mr. Webb felt Chief Bayles should honor the reward to the person providing the information which assisted in the investigation and led to the arrest.
11. Open Forum – There were no questions or comments.
12. **Councilmember Halliday moved to retire to Executive Session. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting as was follows:**

Those voting Aye

**Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting Nay

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Mayor and Council retired to Executive Session at 7:56 p.m.

Mayor and Council returned from Executive Session at 8:13 p.m.

13. **Councilmember Taylor moved to adjourn. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting Aye

**Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting Nay

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

By _____
Jeremy Redd, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
OCTOBER 12, 2010
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor: Toni Turk

City Councilmembers: Mike Halliday
David Johnson
Charlie Taylor
Joe Lyman

City Administrator: Chris Webb

Finance Director: Jeremy Redd

General Services Director: Jeff Black

Chief of Police: Lyle Bayles

Absent:

City Councilmembers: Kelly Laws

Others Present: Ed Johnstun, Robert Ogle, Jeremy Lyman, Cindy Bayles.

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Chris Webb.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Taylor moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the September 28, 2010 meeting. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Lyman**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

3. Open Forum – Greg Barton addressed the Council representing Emery Telcom which is the cable franchisee in Blanding. Mr. Webb asked him to attend the meeting to address changes to cable television and his plans for future service in the Blanding area. Greg explained that they would like to continue to provide the same cable services that are currently in place and renew the franchise agreement without any changes. Mr. Webb explained that there will be a public hearing as part of entering into a new agreement with Emery Telcom. Councilmember Johnson asked how many customers were currently being served in Blanding and was told by Mr. Barton that they currently serve 70 residential customers plus hotel rooms. Councilmember Taylor asked if any upgraded services will be offered and was told that with their current equipment they will not be offering anything other than what is currently being offered. Councilmember Johnson asked if they have any plans to upgrade their system and was told that their current technology was installed in the early 1980s and they have no plans to upgrade any equipment at this time.
4. Mr. Black presented the September 2010 Natural Gas and Water Reports. There were no questions or comments.
5. Mr. Webb presented the September 2010 Fire Report. There were no questions or comments.
6. Chief Bayles presented the September 2010 Police Report. He explained that they conducted an effective roadblock in September that resulted in 63 citations given. There were drug arrests made as part of the road block.
7. **Councilmember Lyman moved to approve Resolution 10/12/2010 Affordable Housing Plan. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion.** Councilmember Lyman explained that we are required to have a document in place regarding affordable housing. This resolution fills that requirement. **Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Lyman**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

8. Councilmember Halliday explained that he had not had sufficient time to develop a new cage and trap agreement with the police department. He informed Council that he would bring back a revised agreement for discussion at the next Council meeting. He recommended that the deposit be suspended until an agreement can be reached.

9. Councilmember Halliday explained that he met with Joe F. Lyman about City involvement in implementing the Grayson Trailhead. He expressed interest in working with Mr. Lyman to lobby the BLM to recognize the trails near Blanding that would be part of the Grayson Trailhead system. Advice and consent was given by the Council to pursue this course of action and have Councilmember Halliday work with the BLM and Mr. Lyman.
10. Mr. Webb informed the Council that he is sending an advertisement to the newspaper to receive bids on two construction management contracts for the City. The two projects are the City Office remodel and the demolition of the existing pool area and building of a pavilion. The bids will ask contractors for a proposal that includes fees based on the pre-construction information and their construction management. Advice and consent was given to advertise and proceed in that manner. He feels this is the best approach because we will not have detailed plans that allow for a traditional competitive bid.
11. Mayor Turk addressed the Council about prisoner restraints. He explained that there was an incident this week where a prisoner caused an accident that resulted in the loss of a police vehicle. The Council discussed the appropriate changes to be made regarding prisoner restraints. Chief Bayles, Councilmember Taylor and Councilmember Halliday agreed that there are no easy answers regarding restraining prisoners and each method has its pros and cons. They determined that it may be wise to leave the issue up to each individual officer and have them decide which type of restraining system to install when they receive a new vehicle.
12. Mayor Turk explained that he was hosted for dinner at the Utah Rock Art Association. He reported 190 participants and their families. The event lasted three days with many participants coming earlier and staying later.
13. Open Forum - There were no questions or comments.
14. **Councilmember Taylor moved to adjourn. Councilmember Halliday seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Halliday**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

By _____
Jeremy Redd, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
SEPTEMBER 28, 2010
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor: Toni Turk
City Councilmembers: Joe Lyman
Kelly Laws
Charlie Taylor
City Manager: Chris Webb
City Treasurer: Jeremy Redd
City Engineer: Terry Ekker
Community Development Director: Bret Hosler
Chief of Police: Lyle Bayles

Absent:

City Councilmembers: David Johnson
Mike Halliday

Others Present: Cindy Bayles, Ed Johnstun, Robert Ogle, Ryan Heck.

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Jeremy Redd.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Lyman moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the September 14, 2010 meeting. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Taylor
NONE**

Those voting NAY

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

3. Open Forum – No public comments were given.
4. Mr. Hosler informed the Council that Emery Telcom had been asked to attend the meeting but were not present. He expressed disappointment in their apparent lack of interest in the community and explained he will continue to attempt to get them to attend a meeting. Councilmember Laws commented that he would like to see a letter drafted asking them to come and report.
5. Mr. Webb presented a report on current City projects. He informed the Council that he has received word that the final funding has been granted for the City office remodel. That project will go out to bid shortly.

6. **Councilmember Lyman moved to approve a donation to the San Juan ATV Safari for \$300. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion.** Councilmember Lyman explained that he feels the City has a role in supporting economic development and this type of event maximizes community assets including our geography and trail system. He commented that the event brings in many people for the week and the return on investment is many times the contribution. **Mayor Turk called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Lyman

Councilmember Laws

Councilmember Taylor

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

7. Councilmember Taylor opened a discussion about City sponsorship of the "Huff to Bluff" marathon. Ryan Heck was also present and is the organizer of the event. Ryan explained that the current thinking is the event will be held on the second Saturday in May. Mr. Webb commented that the City would be covered under their liability policy, but if the event was for-profit they would need to have their own insurance. Councilmember Lyman asked about the spring date and was told that the date was chosen to fill in a gap in the marathon season and attract the most runners. Councilmember Laws expressed concern in using City funds to support a for-profit organization. Mr. Redd reminded the Council of City support for incubation of private businesses at the Small Business Development Center at the College. Mr. Webb explained that the amount of support being sought amounts to around \$250.
8. Councilmember Taylor explained that he wants to discuss snow removal and parking on the City streets before winter hits. He asked Mr. Ekker if leaving piles of snow in the streets caused more street problems this year. Mr. Ekker explained that there were additional problems and the streets did not fare well with the snow staying on the roads. The Council and City Staff agreed to arrange a meeting with the County road department to discuss snow removal procedures and report back.
9. Mr. Hosler explained that the City Affordable Housing Policy needs to be re-adopted. It is required by State law and used for grant applications. Mr. Webb explained that the current policy seeks to meet the regulation while maintaining simplicity.
10. Councilmember Laws informed the Council that the Blanding Irrigation Company has added \$20,000 to the fall assessment for maintaining the ditches and pipelines. This was done specifically due to a request from the City.
11. Open Forum – No public comments were given.

12. **Councilmember Taylor moved to adjourn. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

By _____
Jeremy Redd, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
SEPTEMBER 14, 2010
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

City Councilmembers: Kelly Laws
Mike Halliday
David Johnson
Charlie Taylor
Joe Lyman
Finance Director: Jeremy Redd
City Engineer: Terry Ekker

Absent:

Mayor: Toni Turk

Others Present: Joe F Lyman, Lynne Shumway, Ryan Heck, Ed Johnstun, Robert Ogle, Mike Bradford.

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by David Johnson.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Lyman moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the August 24, 2010 meeting. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Lyman**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws declared the motion carried.

3. Open Forum – Lynne Shumway addressed the Council representing the San Juan ATV Safari that will be held in Blanding this weekend. She requested a sponsorship from the Council of \$300 to help with the cost of the event. Councilmember Lyman asked about a track record of City sponsorship. Mr. Redd explained that there has been help from the City in the past, but not in the last few years. Councilmember Johnson asked what the sponsorship money would be used for and Lynne explained that it would be used mostly for advertising the event and bringing riders to the area. She also explained that it is a good economic engine for the City and many riders stay the entire week and return for more riding at other times of the year. Councilmember Lyman asked for the item to come back at the next meeting for discussion.

4. Ryan Heck addressed the Council and explained that he is putting together a for profit company to start a yearly marathon from Blanding to Bluff. He has secured permits from UDOT and the event will take place in late April or early May of 2011. He asked the Council to consider allowing him to use the new Wellness Center for a pre-race dinner and registration. He anticipates 250 runners this year with a growth potential of 500-600 total runners when the event reaches maturity. Councilmember Taylor asked for the item to come back at the next meeting for discussion.
5. Joe F Lyman addressed the Council and gave information about the Grayson Trailhead. He explained that he has been working on a trail system around Blanding since 1995. At that time, all the area around Blanding was considered open for ATV use and there was not a big push to designate certain trails. Since then, there is no more open riding space and the trails need to be designated to avoid closure by the BLM and maintain access from Blanding to other established trails. He asked to meet with a designated City official to begin the process of City cooperation in developing the trailhead and trail system. Councilmember Halliday expressed interest in working with Mr. Lyman on the trail system.
6. Mr. Black presented the August 2010 Natural Gas and Water Reports. Councilmember Halliday asked if the Natural Gas system is paid for, and Mr. Redd explained that it still has debt and will for the next 10 years.
7. Mr. Redd presented the August 2010 Police Report. Councilmember Halliday asked about the 13 incidents of auto burglaries and was told by Officer Bradford they were all on the same night on one street. The cars were not locked and items were stolen from the unlocked vehicles.
8. Mr. Redd presented the August 2010 Fire Report. There were no questions or comments.
9. Mr. Redd presented the 2009-2010 Audited Financial Report. He gave an overview of the financial highlights including projects completed, a debt summary and income and revenue of the City for the year.
10. Councilmember Laws began a discussion about a cage and trap agreement used by the Police department. He received a complaint from a citizen because she was asked to pay a deposit to have a trap placed in her yard to catch stray dogs. Councilmember Laws expressed opposition to making citizens pay directly for enforcement of a city ordinance. Officer Bradford explained that a check is typically held at the Police station until the trap is returned and the check is never cashed but returned to the citizen upon return of the trap. He explained that it deters people from losing the traps or loaning them to someone else. Councilmember Lyman expressed concern that citizens would have to tie up their funds to pay a deposit when it is for enforcement of a City ordinance. Councilmember Halliday agreed to work with the Police to revise the agreement and bring it back to Council.
11. Open Forum - Ed Johnstun commented that he also feels that citizens should not be charged a deposit to enforce City ordinances. He commented that there are a lot of irresponsible animal owners who ruin it for everyone.

12. **Councilmember Johnson moved to retire to Executive Session. Councilmember Halliday seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Halliday**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws declared the motion carried.

Mayor and Council retired to executive session at 8:04 pm.

Mayor and Council returned from executive session at approximately 8:45 pm.

13. **Councilmember Taylor moved to approve the hiring of David Palmer as Recreation Director. Councilmember Halliday seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Halliday**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws declared the motion carried.

14. **Councilmember Lyman moved to adjourn. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Halliday**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

By _____
Jeremy Redd, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
AUGUST 24, 2010
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor: Toni Turk
City Councilmembers: Joe Lyman
Mike Halliday
David Johnson
Kelly Laws
Charlie Taylor
City Manager: Chris Webb
City Treasurer: Jeremy Redd
City Engineer: Terry Ekker
Community Development Director: Bret Hosler
General Services Director: Jeff Black

Others Present: Robert Ogle

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Joe Lyman.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Johnson moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the August 10, 2010 meeting. Councilmember Laws seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Taylor**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

3. Open Forum — No public comments were given.

4. **Councilmember Laws moved to approve Resolution 8-24-10 Authorizing and Accepting the Horse Butte Wind Project Power Sales Contract with UAMPS and Related Matters. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion.** Mr. Webb explained that after a presentation from a UAMPS representative, the City chose to participate in the project. This resolution approves the contract for the project. He also explained that the City attorney has reviewed the contract and submitted a letter per their request. **Mayor Turk called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Taylor**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

5. **Councilmember Taylor moved to approve Resolution 8-24-10-2 Authorizing the Execution of a Construction Principal Forgiveness Agreement. Councilmember Laws seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion.** Mr. Webb explained that the City was successful in petitioning the Drinking Water Board for a loan with principal forgiveness. This will allow the City to proceed with a water line distribution project on 300 West. He further explained that they will not proceed with the contract until after hearing from the USDA about their portion of the funding. **Mayor Turk called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Taylor**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

6. Mr. Ekker presented the Council with a summary of bids from the chip seal project. He explained that the bids came in lower than his estimate for the project and recommended awarding the bid to LeGrand Johnson. Councilmember Laws asked if the scope could be enlarged because the bids came in low. Mr. Ekker answered that based on available funds and the cost estimates of other projects, the scope would probably not be expanded.

7. Councilmember Laws informed the Council that there has been a road closure behind Camp Jackson that threatens to eliminate access for the City to maintain water rights in the area which have been owned by the City for 50-60 years. He asked the Council to consider protesting the road closures because they would have an adverse impact on the ability of the City to maintain their water rights. Mr. Webb explained that the Forest Service has contacted the City and have scheduled a time to go to Dry Wash and review City opposition to road closures. He explained that he could bring up the Camp Jackson closures at that time. Mr. Laws reminded the Council that the Forest Service is dependent on City water to fight wild fires in the area, which gives the City a bargaining chip in negotiating road closures. Advice and consent was given by the Council to make it clear to the Forest Service that the City opposes road closures and will fight to keep the roads open at all costs.
8. Open Forum – No public comments were given.
9. **Councilmember Taylor moved to adjourn. Councilmember Halliday seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Halliday**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

By _____
Jeremy Redd, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
AUGUST 10, 2010
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor: Toni Turk
City Councilmembers: Kelly Laws
Mike Halliday
David Johnson
Charlie Taylor
City Manager: Chris Webb
Finance Director: Jeremy Redd
City Engineer: Terry Ekker

Absent:

City Councilmember: Joe Lyman

Others Present: Rolena James, Darlene James, Roosevelt James, Calvin Hunt, Kathleen Lyman, Mike Brown, LaVerne Tate, Robert Ogle, Ed Johnstun, Merle McDonald, Clayton Long, Al Clarke.

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Kelly Laws.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Taylor moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the July 27, 2010 meeting. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Halliday**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

3. Open Forum – Al Clarke and Mike Brown of the July 4th Celebration Committee presented the trophies and plaques for winning parade floats. Winners were: 1st Place – Blue Mountain Dine; 2nd Place – Four Corners Care Center; 3rd Place – Desert Mountain Dancers; Honorable Mention – Eagle Air Med and the Hunt Family. LaVerne Tate was also recognized as the Grand Marshall of the parade. Mr. Clarke thanked the judging panel and all of the parade participants.

4. Mr. Webb presented the July 2010 Natural Gas and Water Reports. He clarified an incorrect number on the water report, and explained that water was loaned to the irrigation company.
5. Mayor Turk presented the July 2010 Police Report. There were no questions or comments.
6. Mr. Webb presented the July 2010 Fire Report. He explained that it was a busy month for the fire department. He commented that Chief Hawkins has sent letters to the owners of properties that are a fire hazard. Councilmember Laws commented that the process of sending letters seems to lack consistency and he would like the process to be consistent.
7. Mr. Webb presented a construction report to the Council which outlined each project currently under construction and the completion status. He explained that four of the projects will be completed at the same time because they will be tied together with the new SCADA system which is nearing completion.
8. Councilmember Taylor presented the Travel Council brochure for approval by the Council. **Councilmember Taylor moved to approve the Travel Council brochure. Councilmember Halliday seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion.** Councilmember Taylor explained that Councilmember Lyman declared a conflict because it mentions a self-guided pottery tour that is operated by his business. A few minor changes were made to the document including a change to a picture and simplification of the language regarding the experiences available in Blanding. **Mayor Turk called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Halliday**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

9. Mr. Ekker explained that the bids were opened the previous day for the airport apron project. He asked the Council to table the action for this meeting and possibly give more direction in an email format at a later date. He explained that there was only one bidder on the project and it came in significantly higher than the amount that was budgeted for the project. The engineer wants to reduce the scope significantly and negotiate with the contractor on their bid. Mr. Webb and Mr. Ekker explained that they are not comfortable asking the Council to award the project at this point. They asked the Council for permission to expedite the approval process through advice and consent by email correspondence. Advice and consent was given by the Council to proceed in that manner.

10. Mr. Redd presented a revised copy of the Cell Phone Reimbursement Policy with the changes that were requested at the last meeting. **Councilmember Halliday moved to approve the Cell Phone Reimbursement Policy. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Halliday**

Those voting NAY

Councilmember Laws

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

11. Mr. Webb reported that he, Mayor Turk and Mr. Redd attended a CIB meeting in Salt Lake. They were successful in securing a grant for \$118,000 for the City Office re-build project. The project now moves to the funding phase and that meeting will be held in October.
12. Mr. Webb reminded the Council and public of the open house for the new Water Treatment Plant to be held on August 11 at 1:00. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony with tours given and refreshments served.
13. Open Forum – Merle McDonald commented that she appreciates the work the City did on a potentially dangerous road that she spoke about at the last meeting.
14. **Councilmember Taylor moved to adjourn. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Halliday**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

By _____
Jeremy Redd, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
JULY 27, 2010
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor: Toni Turk
City Councilmembers: Joe Lyman
Mike Halliday
David Johnson
Kelly Laws
Charlie Taylor
City Manager: Chris Webb
City Treasurer: Jeremy Redd
City Engineer: Terry Ekker
Community Development Director: Bret Hosler
General Services Director: Jeff Black

Absent:

Mayor: Toni Turk
City Councilmembers: Kelly Laws
Charlie Taylor

Others Present: Marilyn Lyman, Barbara Tate, Terri Laws, Ed Johnstun, Lewis Black, Wendy Johnstun, Merle McDonald, Brad Winder, Neil Joslin, Wayne Scott, Garda Nielson, Robert Ogle.

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Mayor Turk.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Lyman moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the July 13, 2010 meeting, and the minutes of the June 22, 2010 meeting. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Taylor**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

3. Open Forum – Marilyn Lyman addressed the Council regarding issues in the Continental Street area. She expressed concern about the lack of water pressure in the area. She explained that the lines are old on both sides of the meter, and she feels that the issue needs to be addressed and water lines upgraded in the area. She also expressed concerns about deteriorating curb and gutter and potholes that are present on the area streets.

Wayne Scott addressed the Council and also commented about the Continental Street area. He expressed concern about adequate water pressure at the fire hydrants in the event of a fire.

Brad Winder explained that a portion of the City water line was replaced in front of his house and there was indeed corrosion present.

Barbara Tate explained that she had the City check her water pressure and expressed concerns about getting to the state minimum for water pressure.

Garda Nielson expressed agreement with the comments that had been made by other residents, and added concerns about cats in her neighborhood. She also expressed her disappointment at the decision not to build an indoor pool at the new Wellness Center.

Lewis Black commented about the water issue and gave some historical context to the discussion due to his former employment as a plumber who often worked on the homes being discussed.

Merle McDonald addressed the Council and asked why the road at 400 West between 200 and 300 South has not been finished. It was explained that until just recently it was part of the County and was under their jurisdiction. Recently the area was annexed and the road issue will be addressed by the City.

4. **Councilmember Taylor moved to enter a public hearing regarding a CIB application for road improvements. Councilmember Halliday seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Taylor
NONE**

Those voting NAY

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Mr. Webb explained that the City desires to apply to the CIB for road improvement funding. The intention will be to ask the CIB for 2 million dollars, with half grant and half loan. The Transportation District will provide the funding to repay the loan portion of the project. He invited the public to comment on the application.

No public comments were given.

Councilmember Taylor moved to leave the public hearing regarding a CIB application for road improvements. Councilmember Halliday seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Taylor**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

5. Mr. Webb informed the Council that the 9 companies bid on the solar panel project for the Visitor Center and Wellness Center. It is the recommendation of the City staff to award the bid to American Solar Power and give them the notice to proceed after the release to work is received from the State.

Councilmember Johnson asked if the project was bonded. Mr. Webb explained that a bond was not required as part of the bid process. Councilmember Johnson expressed concern that the contractor is qualified and can be bonded. He explained that he feels confident with a contractor if they can qualify to bond for the project even if a bond is not required.

Councilmember Lyman moved to award the bid to American Solar Power contingent on them providing proof of ability to be bonded. Councilmember Halliday seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Taylor**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

6. Mr. Ekker explained that bids were opened the previous week on a road project, and LeGrand Johnson was the low bidder, but he expressed concerns with pricing of the sewer drain pipe. He felt that the road portion of the project was within his estimates, but the pipe was bid much too high. He requested that the Council approve the bid and allow him to negotiate with the contractor on the sewer drain pipe.

Councilmember Laws moved to award the bid to LeGrand Johnson for road work, and allow for negotiating and/or re-bidding of the sewer drain portion of the project. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Halliday

Councilmember Lyman

Councilmember Johnson

Councilmember Laws

Councilmember Taylor

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

7. Mr. Redd presented the Council with a working draft of the cell phone reimbursement policy. He explained that in the budget process the Council asked for a policy regarding how cell phones would be used when part of the monthly cost is paid by the City. Discussion centered on whether or not to publish phone numbers of City employees and when employees would be required to carry their phones. The Council made changes that will be incorporated and the policy will be brought back at the next meeting for approval.
8. Mr. Webb explained that the carnival operators have contacted him about coming back to Blanding for another weekend this summer. He asked the Council if they would like to again sponsor the event or give the opportunity to another organization. After some discussion, the Council determined to pass the opportunity along to another organization.
9. Mr. Webb informed the Council that he, Mr. Redd and Mayor Turk will be traveling to the CIB meeting to request grant funding for a re-build of the City Office. Councilmember Lyman asked about the funding breakdown for the project. Mr. Webb explained that the total cost of the project is \$250,000 with \$50,000 coming from City savings designated for the project, \$118,000 from the CIB and \$82,000 from the USDA.
10. Mr. Webb informed the Council that the bid for UDOT to re-work Main Street came in at 150% of the engineer estimate for the project. The project will be re-scoped and re-bid.
11. Mr. Webb explained that the Division of Drinking Water approved a grant to the City for \$302,000 for the Starvation Reservoir and water line distribution project. The money will be used as match money and gets the City one step closer to completing the funding package.
12. Mr. Webb informed the Council that an open house and ribbon cutting for the Water Treatment Plant will occur on August 11th at 1:00.

13. Mr. Ekker informed the Council that a grant agreement has been executed for the airport project, and it will begin soon.
14. Open Forum – No public comments were given.
15. **Councilmember Lyman moved to retire to Executive Session. Councilmember Laws seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Halliday**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Mayor and Council retired to executive session at 8:21 pm.

Mayor and Council returned from executive session at approximately 9:26 pm.

21. **Councilmember Taylor moved to adjourn. Councilmember Laws seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Halliday**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

By _____
Jeremy Redd, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
JULY 13, 2010
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor: Toni Turk
City Councilmembers: Kelly Laws
Joe Lyman
Charlie Taylor
City Manager: Chris Webb
City Treasurer: Jeremy Redd
Community Development Director: Bret Hosler
General Services Director: Jeff Black
Chief of Police: Lyle Bayles

Absent:

City Councilmembers: David Johnson
Mike Halliday

Others Present: Pete Black, Jim Harris, Terri Laws, Taylor Palmer, Neil Joslin, Cindy Bayles.

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Charlie Taylor.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Lyman moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the June 8, 2010 meeting. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE	Councilmember Taylor Councilmember Lyman
Those voting NAY	NONE
Those Abstaining	Councilmember Laws

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion defeated.

3. **Councilmember Taylor moved to approve only the financial disbursements of the June 8, 2010 meeting. Councilmember Laws seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Taylor

Councilmember Lyman

Councilmember Laws

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

4. Open Forum – Jim Harris and Pete Black made comments representing the Blanding Irrigation Company. They explained that they are responding to a letter sent to them by the Council. Mr. Harris explained the partnership that has existed between the two entities since the 1950's. He expressed appreciation for being able to use the 3rd Reservoir to charge their upper system, and feels that the partnership has been beneficial to both parties over the years.

He detailed the circumstances leading to the ditch collapse that occurred this year, and commented that they did everything within their power to get the water flowing as early as possible. He felt the City is incorrect in asserting that if additional maintenance work was performed last fall the problems would have been alleviated. He commented that Mother Nature is in control and there were no other options. He proposed putting the ditch into a 36" pipeline for 2 miles as the only possible permanent solution to the issues that occurred this season. Because of these issues, he explained that he was offended by the letter sent by the City.

5. Mr. Black presented the June 2010 Natural Gas and Water Reports. Councilmember Lyman asked about the ownership of the water in Dry Wash Reservoir. He was told that the water belongs to the Irrigation Company, but is often traded to the City for water in the 3rd Reservoir.
6. Chief Bayles presented the June 2010 Police Report. He explained that this is the busy time of year for the police and will probably continue until the weather cools.
7. Mr. Webb presented the June 2010 Fire Report. There were no questions or comments. Chris thanked the department for their efforts surrounding the July 4th celebration.

8. Mayor Turk presented Ed Johnstun for appointment to the Planning Commission and Roger Plummer for appointment to the Board of Adjustments. **Councilmember Laws moved to approve the Mayor's appointments of Ed Johnstun to the Planning Commission and Roger Plummer to the Board of Adjustments. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Taylor

Councilmember Lyman

Councilmember Laws

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

9. Mr. Webb explained that the City has been working to secure funding for Starvation Reservoir and a 300 West distribution line that would be acceptable to both the City and the funding agencies. He reported that he will be traveling to a meeting of the Division of Drinking Water where participation in the project will be considered. He explained that the funding will be in the form of a grant and loan mix. He feels that additional debt will be required to complete the project, but savings can be used to pay down existing debt, incurring no net additional debt. He asked the Council if they were agreeable to this scenario so he can speak freely at the meeting regarding the will of the City to accept the funding package. Councilmember Laws explained that 40 acre feet of water are lost per month when the reservoir is full, and he would like to see the City take advantage of this opportunity. **Councilmember Laws moved to approve the proposal. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Taylor

Councilmember Lyman

Councilmember Laws

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

10. Mr. Webb presented the Summer 2010 City Newsletter for Council approval. Advice and consent was given to approve the newsletter for distribution.
11. Councilmember Lyman presented a draft copy of the Blanding Travel Council brochure for discussion. Recommended changes were suggested to the copy, including adding mention of Recapture Reservoir and the Wellness Center. Suggestions were made to highlight the July 4th celebration as part of the brochure and remove mention of the area motels. Changes will be made and the item will return to Council for review and approval.

12. Mr. Webb approached the Council regarding the Wellness Center project. He explained that there may be money available to add additional parking to the Center and possibly demolish the existing pool. Councilmember Laws asked how many additional parking spaces would be created, and was told around 50. He expressed his approval for adding the additional parking for events in the area. Advice and consent was given by the Council.
13. Mr. Webb presented the Forest Service Fuel Reduction Plan for discussion. The comment period has arrived, and the City will be allowed comment on the proposed plan. The consensus of the Council was that the plan was more of a road closure than a fuel reduction. It was determined that a letter would be drafted opposing any road closures in the area.
14. Mr. Webb informed the Council that the City is preparing to begin a new Sewer Master Plan. His recommendation is to seek funding from the Division of Water Quality. They will give the money to the City and then roll the disbursed amount into the cost of a future project funded through their department. If a project is not funded, the City would be required to repay the funds. The total cost of the project will be \$50,000 with the City funding \$10,000 and the rest obtained through the Division of Water Quality. Councilmember Lyman asked where the City would get the money to repay the funds, and Mr. Webb told him it could be repaid from savings. Advice and consent was given to pursue the funding.
15. Mr. Ekker informed the Council that a street project has been advertised and the bid opening will be July 22nd. There will be a request to award a bid at the next Council meeting. Councilmember Laws expressed concerns about laying asphalt late in the year. Mr. Ekker commented that the contractor will only be allowed to lay asphalt if the temperature is appropriate.
16. Mr. Ekker also informed the Council of an airport project that will be bid in the next few weeks. The contract will be awarded at a Council meeting in August. There will also be chip seal and storm water projects bidding in the next few months.
17. Mr. Webb informed the Council that there will be a public hearing at the next meeting regarding a CIB application for road projects.
18. Mr. Webb informed the Council that the bid for the Wellness Center solar panels is out and he expects more than 10 bidders. He explained that the bids will be brought to the next meeting for approval.
19. Councilmember Taylor informed the Council of a possible marathon that is being planned to run from Blanding to Bluff. The organizers have requested support from the City in the form of a letter, but are seeking no monetary support at this time. Councilmember Lyman asked about insurance and liability issues and was told that those issues are being investigated by the organizers.

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20. **Councilmember Lyman moved to retire to Executive Session. Councilmember Laws seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Mayor and Council retired to executive session at 8:27 pm.

Mayor and Council returned from executive session at approximately 9:14 pm.

21. **Councilmember Taylor moved to adjourn. Councilmember Laws seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

By _____
Jeremy Redd, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
JUNE 8, 2010
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

City Councilmembers: Joe Lyman
Mike Halliday
David Johnson

City Manager: Chris Webb

City Treasurer: Jeremy Redd

Community Development Director: Bret Hosler

General Services Director: Jeff Black

Absent:

Mayor: Toni Turk

City Councilmembers: Kelly Laws
Charlie Taylor

Others Present: Ed Johnstun, Wendy Johnstun, Merle McDonald, Neil Joslin, Robert Ogle.

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Chris Webb.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Johnson moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the May 25, 2010 meeting. Councilmember Halliday seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tempore Lyman repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Halliday

Councilmember Lyman

Councilmember Johnson

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro-Tempore Lyman declared the motion carried.

3. Councilmember Halliday commented on concerns voiced by a citizen who lives in the south part of Blanding. They complained about low water pressure and volume at their home, and hoped the City could look into resolving the issue. Mr. Black explained that he can run a pressure test at the meter to determine if the problem exists on the city line or is a homeowner problem. Councilmember Halliday also passed along concerns that there is no longer a ladies hour at the pool. It was explained that it is now adult swim and men and women are allowed during that time period.
4. Mr. Black presented the May 2010 Natural Gas and Water Reports. There were no questions or comments.
5. Mr. Webb presented the May 2010 Fire Report. There were no questions or comments.

6. Mr. Redd presented Resolution 6/8/2010 Opening and Adjusting the 2009/2010 Fiscal Year Budget. He explained that each year adjustments are made between departments, but overall the city will spend less than the amount budgeted for the year. **Councilmember Lyman moved to adopt Resolution 6/8/2010 Opening and Adjusting the 2009/2010 Fiscal Year Budget. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tempore Lyman repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Halliday

Councilmember Lyman

Councilmember Johnson

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro-Tempore Lyman declared the motion carried.

7. Mr. Webb presented Resolution 6/8/2010-2 Adopting the 2010 Certified Tax Rate. He explained that the County Clerk goes through a process each year to determine the certified tax rate for the City. The City will lower the overall tax rate to collect the same dollar amount in property tax. He recommended that the Council adopt the certified tax rate as presented with a provision to adjust the rate slightly if necessary as long as it does not represent a tax increase over the previous year. **Councilmember Halliday moved to adopt Resolution 6/8/2010-2 Adopting the 2010 Certified Tax Rate. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tempore Lyman repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Halliday

Councilmember Lyman

Councilmember Johnson

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro-Tempore Lyman declared the motion carried.

8. Open Forum – Clark Hawkins addressed the Council regarding the trees in front of the San Juan Theater which he owns. He explained that the City is preparing to replace the trees that died and he would like to voice his concerns. He commented that if the trees are not trimmed regularly they block signs and cause damage to buildings and signage. He would like to see a nice shrub planted instead of trees in front of his business. Mr. Hosler explained that the City prunes the trees and picks trees that are easy to take care of and thrive in urban environments.

9. **Councilmember Halliday moved to adjourn. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tempore Lyman repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Halliday

Councilmember Lyman

Councilmember Johnson

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro-Tempore Lyman declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

By _____
Jeremy Redd, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
MAY 25, 2010
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor Pro-Tempore: Kelly Laws
City Councilmembers: Mike Halliday
Joe Lyman
David Johnson
Charlie Taylor
City Manager: Chris Webb
City Treasurer: Jeremy Redd
City Engineer: Terry Ekker
General Services Director: Jeff Black
Community Development Director: Bret Hosler
Police Chief: Lyle Bayles

Absent:

Mayor: Toni Turk

Others Present: Retta Hall, Terri Laws, Robert Ogle, Judy Cottrell, Eric Cottrell, TC Montella, Dustin Hawkins, Tasha Hawkins, Ed Johnstun.

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Jeremy Redd.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Lyman moved to approve the agenda and financial disbursements of the May 11, 2010 meeting. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Taylor**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws declared the motion carried.

3. Open Forum – Judy Cottrell addressed the Council and asked them if they would be open to the possible purchase of mobile homes to be placed in Blanding for affordable housing and rental properties. She mentioned the possibility of purchasing land outside of city limits and annexing it as a mobile home zone. Councilmember Laws explained that it would take some discussion and more details before a decision could be made. Councilmember Lyman explained that she should get with Mr. Hosler to go over costs of the project and that might help her make a decision. Councilmember Halliday commented that she should be able to gather enough information to present to the Council for a decision before she incurred a lot of cost.

No other public comments were given.

4. Mr. Webb reported that he and Mayor Turk presented a grant request to the Division of Drinking Water that included the refinancing of debt. The DDW did not say no to the project but they said no to the refinancing. They would rather give all grant than open the door to refinancing existing loans. Because of the new information he is tightening the numbers and putting together a project without the refinancing. Mr. Webb further explained that an RFP has been submitted to banks to refinance the bonds traditionally.

5. **Councilmember Lyman moved to approve the Consideration and Adoption of Resolution 5/25/2010 Confirming the Sale and Authorizing the Issuance of a \$2,058,493.30 Natural Gas Revenue Refunding Bond, Series 2010. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws repeated the motion and asked for discussion.** Mr. Webb explained that the bonds will be refinanced at 3.5% and will pay off existing USDA bonds. The City will save over \$110,000 in interest charges. **Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Johnson

Councilmember Halliday

Councilmember Laws

Councilmember Lyman

Councilmember Taylor

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws declared the motion carried.

6. Mr. Webb proposed that the Council cancel the advertised City Council Meeting on June 22nd because it conflicts with primary elections that will also be held at the City Office. **Councilmember Taylor moved to cancel the June 22nd City Council Meeting. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Johnson

Councilmember Halliday

Councilmember Laws

Councilmember Lyman

Councilmember Taylor

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws declared the motion carried.

7. Mr. Webb informed the Council about a Rural Water Supply grant that would possibly pay for an appraisal and feasibility study to replace the 8" mountain pipeline and add a new pipeline from dry wash reservoir. He commented that our demographics rank well nationally and we have a good chance to get these types of grants. There would be no up-front costs and if we rank well it could possibly open the door to a major project with significant funding. Councilmember Johnson asked if we would own the study once it is completed and was told that yes we would own the completed study. Advice and consent was given to pursue the grant application.
8. Mr. Webb informed the Council of a carnival that will be held in front of the Super 8 motel June 9-12. They are from Arizona and 15% of the proceeds will go towards little league equipment. Councilmember Taylor expressed concerns about potential problems that come with a carnival. Councilmember Lyman commented that this type of an event takes money out of a community and is not an economic importer of funds.

9. **Councilmember Lyman moved to enter a public hearing regarding the 2010-2011 Fiscal Year Budget. Councilmember Halliday seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Johnson

Councilmember Halliday

Councilmember Laws

Councilmember Lyman

Councilmember Taylor

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws declared the motion carried.

10. Mr. Webb explained that the Council has reviewed the budget and met in a work session to go through the details. He commented that this is a balanced, fiscally responsible budget and the staff is recommending approval of the budget. Councilmember Johnson commented that this budget is less than the previous year and has been cut in several areas. Councilmember Laws expressed his pleasure with the budgeting process and that there is not a lot of fluff or wasteful spending. He expressed appreciation to the City Staff for an excellent budget process.
11. No public comments were received.
12. **Councilmember Lyman moved to leave the public hearing regarding the 2010-2011 Fiscal Year Budget. Councilmember Halliday seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Johnson

Councilmember Halliday

Councilmember Laws

Councilmember Lyman

Councilmember Taylor

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws declared the motion carried.

13. **Councilmember Johnson moved to adopt Resolution 5/25/2010-2 Adopting the 2010-2011 Fiscal Year Budget. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Johnson

Councilmember Halliday

Councilmember Laws

Councilmember Lyman

Councilmember Taylor

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws declared the motion carried.

14. Councilmember Halliday informed the Council that there have been complaints from neighbors of the foster homes that were discussed for use in sheltering animals. His opinion is that the Wild Hearts Animal Shelter proposal will not be feasible and will probably be abandoned. Councilmember Laws commented that the nuisance ordinance still applies and because of that the proposal may not work.
15. Open Forum – Ed Johnstun commented that he has heard different rumors floating in the community and when he hears them he tells the people to attend City Council meetings. He received information that the new swimming pool will be completed in September.
14. **Councilmember Taylor moved to adjourn. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Halliday

Councilmember Lyman

Councilmember Johnson

Councilmember Laws

Councilmember Taylor

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro-Tempore declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

By _____
Jeremy Redd, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
MAY 11, 2010
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor: Toni Turk

City Councilmembers: Joe Lyman
Mike Halliday
Kelly Laws
Charlie Taylor
David Johnson

City Manager: Chris Webb

City Treasurer: Jeremy Redd

City Engineer: Terry Ekker

Community Development Director: Bret Hosler

Police Chief: Lyle Bayles

Others Present: Brian Kirby, Dustin Felstead, Kent Hawkins, Morgan Kuykendell, Terry Laws, Ed Johnstun, Merle McDonald, Wendell Fry, Scott Meyer, Todd Moon, Bret Jacobsen.

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Chris Webb.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Laws moved to approve the agenda and financial disbursements of the April 27, 2010 meeting. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Johnson
NONE**

Those voting NAY

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

3. Mayor Turk presented Scott Meyer with a jacket as a token of appreciation from the City. Mr. Meyer served on the Recreation Board for over 10 years. He commented that his children are grown now, but he enjoyed the service he was able to provide to the community.
4. Open Forum – Morgan Kuykendell addressed the Council representing the Farmer's Market. He explained that they would like to use the same facilities as previous years to host the market. He would also like the City to allow a few vendors on the patio area of the Visitor Center. Councilmember Laws explained that he would like to see any changes come back in written form to the Council. Mr. Webb agreed to talk to the Visitor Center staff about adding vendors to the patio.

5. Mr. Webb presented the April 2010 Natural Gas & Water Reports. There were no questions or comments.
6. Mr. Bayles presented the April 2010 Police Report. Councilmember Laws asked for a definition of patrol time and commented that some officers seem to have more stops during this time than others. Mr. Bayles explained that investigations take much of the time of some officers, while others are able to make more traffic stops. He further explained that during night shifts the officers are patrolling back streets which have much less traffic.
7. Mr. Webb presented the April 2010 Fire Report. There were no questions or comments.
8. **Councilmember Taylor moved to adopt Resolution 5-13-2010 Consideration for and adoption of a resolution authorizing the substitution of the Sales Tax Revenue Bond, Series 2009 of Blanding, San Juan County, Utah to extend the original repayment terms thereof. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion.** Mr. Webb explained that the original terms of the Wellness Center bond make the first payment due this year. Because the center is not yet constructed he has asked for the bond to be substituted to delay the first payment for another year. Because it is a zero percent interest loan, there is no negative effect to interest charges. **Mayor Turk called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Johnson
NONE**

Those voting NAY

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

8. Mr. Hawkins presented a picture to the Council of a training building that he would like to construct behind the existing fire station. He explained that the building would be used for firefighter training including live fire training at least twice a year. Mayor Turk asked about the possible negative effect on the neighborhood and whether the neighbors objected to the construction of the facility. He asked Mr. Hawkins to poll the neighbors and gauge their support. He explained that he would personally not like the structure near his home. Councilmember Taylor commented that he does not see it as a huge difference from what is currently in the area, especially if it is painted and maintained. Councilmember Laws commended the Fire department for the service they give to the City and its residents. He also asked if building this type of facility would increase liability to the City in the event there was an accident during training. Councilmember Taylor asked where the closest live fire training facility is located and was told that the nearest in Utah is in Price. Councilmember Laws asked if the facility would meet current zoning regulations for the property. Mr. Hosler explained that it would not meet zoning codes, but any necessary city purpose would allow the codes to be bypassed.

9. Mr. Webb presented the 2010 Capital Projects Plan. He explained that the plan identifies projects that the City will be working on for the next 10 years. No new projects have been added since last year, and the projects are pursued as funding is identified for them. Councilmember Laws expressed concern that the mountain pipeline project continues to be pushed back. He expressed support for getting the project finished and keeping the water source available in case of a pipeline failure. He also expressed opposition to the dry wash reservoir expansion project. He feels that it is a private business that would benefit from the project and that it is not the job of the City to expand that particular reservoir. Mr. Webb explained that the City is in the process of updating the water master plan which will identify water projects and prioritize them. He commented that there are always more projects than money, and the capital projects plan helps to determine project priorities.
10. Mr. Webb explained that he will be presenting to the Division of Drinking Water in Salt Lake tomorrow to ask them to consider refinancing existing loans along with funding a new water project. He further explained that in order to complete the project with the refinancing, the City would have to take on an additional \$108,000 in loans, but the payment would be the similar because of the lower interest rates as part of the refinance. Advice and consent was given to proceed with the request.
11. Councilmember Halliday introduced a proposed agreement from the Wild Hearts Animal Shelter to take dogs from the City pound for foster care and possible adoption inside and outside the community. He would like to see the City try a six month trial of the program, but he wants it to not cause the City any extra work or cost more money. Councilmember Laws explained that the nuisance ordinance still applies and dogs that are in foster care must not cause problems with neighbors. Councilmember Taylor does not want to do anything that takes the City or officers any extra time to implement. It was determined that the proposal would come back to the Council in written form.
12. Mr. Webb reminded the Council that the budget work session will be held on May 18th and that the proposed budget is balanced. He asked the Council to take time to read the budget and accompanying notes before the work session.
13. Councilmember Laws asked the Council to carefully consider the \$5,000 donation to the Blanding Area Travel Council that was approved at a previous meeting. He feels some of the local motels are not promoting Blanding in a positive light and he does not want to see taxpayer money going to support businesses that are not promoting the community in a positive light. He also expressed opposition to supporting tourist businesses and not all businesses.
14. Councilmember Laws informed the Council that two National Monuments are still being considered for San Juan County. He offered to forward the information to any anyone who is interested.
15. Open Forum – Ed Johnstun explained that he moved to Blanding 15 years ago and immediately became aware of dog problems. He feels that there are not bad dogs just bad dog owners, and the problem of animal control should be one of punishing irresponsible pet owners rather than the animals.

16. **Councilmember Laws moved to retire to Executive Session. Councilmember Halliday seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Taylor**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Mayor and Council retired to executive session at 7:43 pm.

Mayor and Council returned from executive session at approximately 8:12 pm.

14. **Councilmember Taylor moved to adjourn. Councilmember Laws seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Taylor**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

By _____
Jeremy Redd, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
APRIL 27, 2010
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor: Toni Turk

City Councilmembers: Mike Halliday

Joe Lyman

David Johnson

Kelly Laws

Charlie Taylor

City Manager: Chris Webb

City Treasurer: Jeremy Redd

City Engineer: Terry Ekker

General Services Director: Jeff Black

Community Development Director: Bret Hosler

Police Chief: Lyle Bayles

Others Present: Kendall Laws, Robert Ogle, Ed Johnstun, Merle McDonald

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Mike Halliday.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Laws moved to approve the agenda and financial disbursements of the April 13, 2010 meeting. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Johnson

Councilmember Halliday

Councilmember Laws

Councilmember Lyman

Councilmember Taylor

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

3. Open Forum – No public comments were received.
4. Mr. Webb presented an updated Wellness Center timeline to the Council. It shows timeline changes because the contractors were not able to work on the building during the winter months. The updated completion date is September 20th. Councilmember Taylor asked about sprinkler lines that have been cut during the construction. Mr. Webb explained that the contractor will replace any sprinkler lines that have been broken.
5. Mr. Webb presented the Council with information about each construction project currently in process. Mayor Turk asked if a date has been set for the ribbon cutting on the Water Treatment Plant. Mr. Webb explained that he would like the ceremony to take place after the project is finished and cleaned up. Mr. Ekker expressed that the project should be finished in about two weeks. Councilmember Johnson asked about liquidated damages that have been charged on the project. Mr. Webb explained that they were granted three weeks of time extension due to factors beyond their control. Councilmember Johnson asked if the items left to finish were major or small general items. Mr. Ekker answered that they are general items and nothing major.
6. Mr. Hosler showed pictures taken at the new homes being constructed in Westwater. He reviewed the progress of the homes related to City codes and ordinances. He explained that there have been small issues with the work being performed by volunteers, but the contractor has agreed to fix the issues. Mayor Turk asked about volunteers from Blanding. Mr. Hosler explained that he has seen some people from Blanding, but most of the volunteers were from outside the area. Councilmember Halliday asked if there exists a list of who will be receiving lots and homes. Mr. Webb explained that there is a list. Mayor Turk asked if they are planning to remove the trailers and other structures once the new homes are built. Mr. Hosler explained that the tribe is encouraging people to clean the properties once the homes are finished.

Mr. Webb commented that the City continues to hold up its part of the potential agreement, and continues to try to facilitate the development and move towards annexation. He further explained that the developer still has to complete several things to be available for annexation. They knew they could not develop to City standards and still meet the timeframe they had for the money. He has received assurances from San Juan County that they will require the clean-up of the properties. Mr. Webb stressed that the developer will still need to deed the right-of-way and utility easements to the City and extend Center Street to the end of their property.

7. Mr. Webb presented an updated CIB project list for the approval of the Council. He explained that a change is desired to better leverage money from the Transportation District to make street improvements. If the Council approves the changes they will be presented to the County and AOG for approval. Councilmember Laws explained that the CIB loan can be used for infrastructure improvements, but the transportation money can only be used for road improvements. He also commented that Transportation District funds have been used for a few years and those are not guaranteed to continue each year, and there is a gamble that by committing those funds to repay a loan there may be less money available for future street maintenance. Councilmember Halliday asked if the loan process can be stopped. Mr. Webb explained that it can be stopped at any point before the loan is finalized. Advice and consent was given for the changes.

8. Mr. Hosler informed the Council of vacancies on the Board of Adjustments and Planning Commission. Mr. Hosler and Mr. Webb have a list of possible appointees and if any Councilmembers have suggestions they can give those to the Mayor who will appoint community members to fill the vacancies.
9. Mr. Webb informed the Council that there is an ad in the paper notifying the public of the intent to issue bonds. He explained that it is a refinance of the Natural Gas debt and no new debt is being incurred.
10. Mr. Redd reviewed the budget schedule and reminded the Council to return their budget binders to reuse this year.
11. Open Forum – No public comments were received.
12. **Councilmember Taylor moved to retire to Executive Session. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Johnson

Councilmember Lyman

Councilmember Laws

Councilmember Halliday

Councilmember Taylor

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Mayor and Council retired to executive session at 7:45 pm.

Mayor and Council returned from executive session at approximately 8:30 pm.

14. **Councilmember Taylor moved to adjourn. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Halliday

Councilmember Lyman

Councilmember Johnson

Councilmember Laws

Councilmember Taylor

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

By _____
Jeremy Redd, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
APRIL 13, 2010
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor: Toni Turk
City Councilmembers: Joe Lyman
Mike Halliday
Kelly Laws
Charlie Taylor
City Manager: Chris Webb
City Treasurer: Jeremy Redd
City Engineer: Terry Ekker
General Services Director: Jeff Black
Community Development Director: Bret Hosler

Absent:

City Councilmember: David Johnson

Others Present: Kendall Laws, Robert Ogle, Ed Johnstun, Wendy Johnstun, Kay Shumway, Taylor Palmer, Neil Joslin.

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Mayor Turk.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Lyman moved to approve the agenda and financial disbursements of the March 23, 2010 meeting. Councilmember Halliday seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Halliday

Councilmember Laws

Councilmember Lyman

Councilmember Taylor

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

3. Open Forum – Taylor Palmer addressed the Council representing the Blanding Area Travel Council. He explained that they have built five kiosks to display promotional materials in local motels. He explained that the future goals of the organization include producing a DVD to promote local businesses and attractions, and producing an informational brochure that would be distributed to visitors in the area. Mr. Palmer asked the Council for a donation of \$5,000 to develop the brochure and for website re-development. The Council discussed ideas for the brochure and whether or not they would have editorial control over the content.

Robert Ogle informed the Council that Lyman's Connected Technologies would like to use Centennial Park to show free family themed movies. They would offer some sort of concessions and play the movies on a portable screen. Councilmember Lyman asked about possible competition with the existing theatre. Mr. Ogle explained that he has contacted them and they did not express opposition to the proposal.

4. Mr. Black presented the March 2010 Natural Gas & Water Reports. There were no questions or comments.

5. Mayor Turk presented the March 2010 Police Report. There were no questions or comments.

6. Mr. Webb presented the March 2010 Fire Report. There were no questions or comments.

7. **Councilmember Taylor moved to adopt Resolution 2010-3 Authorizing the Issuance of Natural Gas Refunding Bonds of Blanding City, San Juan County, Utah. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion.** Councilmember Laws asked why the resolution allows for an interest rate as high as 5%. Mr. Webb explained that the resolution allows for a range of rates, but our rate will be 3.5%. **Mayor Turk called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Halliday

Councilmember Laws

Councilmember Lyman

Councilmember Taylor

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

8. **Councilmember Lyman moved to approve a \$5,000 donation to the Blanding Area Travel Council to fund a Blanding brochure with the stipulation that the city owns the brochure and will have final decision about the content. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion.** Councilmember Laws expressed a desire to have the walking tour of Blanding included in the brochure so visitors would have something to do within the community. He also expressed concerns that if the City participates in advertising for one business they should advertise for all businesses. He does not want to give money to one and not all. Councilmember Lyman expressed his support for the donation and support for the organization. **Mayor Turk called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Halliday

Councilmember Lyman

Mayor Turk

Those voting NAY

Councilmember Laws

Councilmember Taylor

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

9. **Councilmember Taylor moved to adopt the Net Metering Program and Agreement. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion.** Mr. Webb explained that the program is for demand side management and is not intended to encourage citizens to produce more power than is needed for their own use. Councilmember Lyman asked if the program provided a disincentive for people to run a money-making operation. Mr. Webb explained that it is because solar and wind power are difficult to predict and manage, so the City does not want to have to rely on receiving large amounts of power from those sources. Councilmember Halliday asked if this agreement is being used by other cities and if the feedback is positive. Mr. Webb commented that even large cities do not have many net meter users, but it does work for the communities that are using it without negative impact. **Mayor Turk called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Halliday

Councilmember Laws

Councilmember Lyman

Councilmember Taylor

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

10. **Councilmember Taylor moved to enter a public hearing regarding the CIB Grant Application for Renovation and Remodel of Blanding City Administrative Offices. Councilmember Halliday seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Halliday

Councilmember Laws

Councilmember Lyman

Councilmember Taylor

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Mr. Webb explained that the purpose of the public hearing is to allow the public to comment on the CIB grant application for the remodel. He further explained that the City will be seeking to upgrade and remodel the building and has been saving money each year for that purpose. The total project will be \$250,000 with \$50,000 coming from City savings and up to \$200,000 in grant funding from the CIB. The USDA will also be petitioned to help gain additional funding and partners in the project. The City will enter into no additional debt to fund the project.

Mr. Robert Ogle spoke and complimented the City for their ability to fund the project without the use of debt.

Mr. Ed Johnstun also commended the City for not going into debt for the project, but commented that there is a public perception that the Wellness Center is not everything it was supposed to be. He expressed support for maintaining city properties, but does not want to see a remodel that is extravagant.

Councilmember Taylor moved to leave the public hearing regarding the CIB Grant Application for Renovation and Remodel of Blanding City Administrative Offices. Councilmember Halliday seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Halliday

Councilmember Laws

Councilmember Lyman

Councilmember Taylor

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

11. Mr. Webb explained that the Navajo Nation is in the process of establishing a bus route from the Reservation to Blanding that will run twice daily. They have asked for permission to construct covered bus stops in Blanding. He further explained that there would be no cost to the City for the service. Councilmember Laws expressed concerns about graffiti and maintenance of the stops and garbage cans. Mr. Hosler explained that it will be positive for economic development because it will allow more people to come to Blanding to spend money at local businesses.
12. Mr. Webb informed the Council of a possible 1% restaurant tax increase that is being proposed by the County. He wanted to make sure everyone was aware of the potential increase.
13. Open Forum – Neil Joslin asked who will be paying for the bus service from the Reservation. Mr. Webb explained that a Federal grant has been secured by the Navajo Nation to pay for the transit system.
14. **Councilmember Lyman moved to adjourn. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Lyman

Councilmember Taylor

Councilmember Laws

Councilmember Halliday

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

By _____
Jeremy Redd, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
MARCH 23, 2010
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor: Toni Turk
City Councilmembers: Mike Halliday
Joe Lyman
David Johnson
Kelly Laws
City Manager: Chris Webb
City Treasurer: Jeremy Redd
City Engineer: Terry Ekker
General Services Director: Jeff Black
Community Development Director: Bret Hosler
Police Chief: Lyle Bayles

Absent:

City Councilmember: Charlie Taylor

~~Others~~ Present: David Bradford, Diane Bradford, Kay Shumway, Taylor Palmer, Bill Haven, Royal Rigby, Robert Ogle, Kendall Laws, Terri Laws, Taylor Lyman, Kay Johnson.

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Kelly Laws.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Lyman moved to approve the agenda and financial disbursements of the March 9, 2010 meeting. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Johnson

Councilmember Halliday

Councilmember Laws

Councilmember Lyman

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

3. Open Forum –Taylor Palmer, Kay Shumway and Bill Haven addressed the Council representing the Blanding Area Travel Council. They explained that they are in the process of updating the Chamber of Commerce website and taking many of the responsibilities of the old Chamber. They are also building kiosks to place in the Visitor Center and local motels. The kiosks will contain brochures promoting the area and local businesses. They asked the City to consider contributing towards the cost of building the kiosks or possibly helping to produce a new version of the local travel guide. Mr. Webb commented that the City has helped produce the guide in the past and all of the transient room tax collected goes directly to fund the Visitor Center. Mayor Turk asked for clarification about whether they were asking for staff help or money towards the project. Mr. Palmer expressed the desire to receive money, help from the City, or a combination of both.

Royal Rigby addressed the Council regarding surface water that is entering the basement of a structure he added to his home. He explained that when he excavated the basement he encountered water and he has been pumping it out of his basement at various rates since. He asked the Council where he should place the water that is being pumped, since it is against State law to place it in the sewer system. Mr. Ekker explained that he would look into the legality of placing the water in the storm drain system and report back to the Council.

Taylor Lyman and Jared Barrett addressed the Council representing the newly formed Racquetball Association. They asked the Council to consider allowing them to administer racquetball play at the courts using the liability insurance policy of Blanding City. They cited precedence for this type of arrangement and promised no collection or administrative costs would be incurred by the City. Mayor Turk explained that he understood the difference between this proposal and one previously introduced. He told the association that it could come back as a discussion item at a later meeting.

Diane Bradford asked the Council to consider paving the city street that leads to her home. She would like to see the road paved up to the cattle guard where her private drive begins. Mr. Lyman explained that there has been a problem in the past obtaining the necessary right-of-way for the street to be the proper width, and that the street could not be paved until the issue was resolved. Additional problems of money, utility lines and scheduling were also addressed.

4. Mr. Webb asked the Council to consider April 17th as the date for free dumping at the transfer station and spring clean-up day in the City. Mayor Turk asked about stretching free dumping over multiple days. Mr. Webb explained that there were many additional costs incurred by the City when that system was tested and it is his recommendation that the free dumping just occur on one Saturday. Advice and consent was given to hold spring clean up with free dumping on April 17th.

5. Mr. Webb presented a proposal from Tri-Hurst Construction regarding a possible City Office remodel. He explained that the changes would bring the building up to current standards and help keep a city asset in acceptable condition. He further commented that the intent of the City is to provide \$50,000 that has been saved for the project and ask the CIB for a \$200,000 grant. Mayor Turk asked if the project would be subject to a competitive bidding process and was told that it would be. Councilmember Laws commented that the office is the heart of the community and needs to be a facility we can be proud of. He has not seen any money spent on the building in the 12 years he has served on the Council and feels that it will cost more if we wait another 10 years to make the necessary upgrades. Councilmember Lyman commented that in his opinion 25-30% of the items are cosmetic, but he does not have a problem petitioning the CIB for the funding. Councilmember Johnson asked Mr. Webb if the proposal as constituted meets the needs of the City. Mr. Webb explained that indeed it covers the needs identified by the City to modernize and improve the facility. Advice and consent was given to write the grant to present to the CIB.
6. Mr. Webb introduced the UAMPS Horse Butte Wind Project for consideration by the Council. He explained that regulations are coming that require a certain amount of the power purchased by the City to be green power. He commented that this project is now looking more attractive as part of the whole plan the City uses to purchase power for its residents. He further explained that this power is more expensive than what we are currently paying for our power, but if regulations continue this type of power will be increasingly more expensive and we will have wished we had bought into the project now. There was discussion centering on the amount of wind power that would be purchased and the selling of energy credits to California. Councilmember Laws commented that in five to ten years we will look back on this and feel that it was a good deal. He also asked about the up-front cost of the project. It was explained that the costs today are only to study the project and the City would be required to pay more at the time the project is financed; however, there will be no large up-front cost to the City. Advice and consent was given to participate in the project at the 500 kilowatt level.
7. Councilmember Lyman began a discussion about the Blanding Area Travel Council proposal. He likes what the group is proposing and feels that if they are given help they will be able to self-fund in the future. Mayor Turk asked about the cost of re-working the brochure. Councilmember Laws commented that he would like to see City money being used to promote City businesses and not businesses throughout the County. It was determined that the group would come back at the next meeting with an exact dollar figure they are requesting from the City.
8. Mr. Webb informed the Council that HB185 regarding changes to the euthanasia laws was defeated in the State Senate. He also informed the Council that the City is in the process of hiring summer seasonal help in the streets and parks departments.
9. Open Forum — No public comments were received.

10. **Councilmember Lyman moved to retire to Executive Session. Councilmember Halliday seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Johnson

Councilmember Lyman

Councilmember Laws

Councilmember Halliday

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Mayor and Council retired to executive session at 8:04 pm.

Mayor and Council returned from executive session at approximately 8:40 pm.

14. **Councilmember Johnson moved to adjourn. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Halliday

Councilmember Lyman

Councilmember Johnson

Councilmember Laws

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

By _____
Jeremy Redd, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
FEBRUARY 9, 2010
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor: Toni Turk
City Councilmembers: Mike Halliday
Joe Lyman
David Johnson
Kelly Laws
Charlie Taylor
City Manager: Chris Webb
City Treasurer: Jeremy Redd
City Engineer: Terry Ekker
General Services Director: Jeff Black
Community Development Director: Bret Hosler
Police Chief: Lyle Bayles

Others Present: Merle McDonald, Terri Laws, Robert Ogle, Cindy Bayles.

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Jeremy Redd.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Laws moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the January 26, 2010 meeting. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Lyman**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

3. Open Forum – No public comments were given.
4. Mr. Black presented the January 2010 Water and Natural Gas Reports. Councilmember Johnson asked how many natural gas meters have been damaged due to snow falling from rooftops. Mr. Black explained that there have been 4 meters damaged so far this winter.
5. Mr. Webb presented the January 2010 Fire Report. Councilmember Johnson expressed appreciation to the fire department during the recent collapse of his building.

6. Mr. Bayles presented the January 2010 Police Report. He explained that the animal control officer impounded 49 dogs in January, dispatching 38 of those dogs. He informed the Council that San Juan County has approached the City about using our kennel for dogs picked up in the county. He explained that they would be required to pay the \$35 per day charge and the dogs would need to go through our animal control officer.
7. Mr. Webb began a discussion about the possibility of joining the National Flood Insurance Program. He explained that he has thoroughly researched the program and it looks as if it would not negatively impact the City. Blanding does not have any flood hazard areas and has not been mapped for flooding. Because of the relatively low flooding hazard there should be no financial obligation to the City in joining the program. Councilmember Laws explained that the City may not be able to join the program because it would have to certify that flooding has occurred and is likely to occur in the future. He expressed doubts that flooding has occurred. Councilmember Lyman expressed that it seems like a huge bureaucratic oversight for something that has almost no application in Blanding because it does not apply to flooding caused by melting snow. The Council determined not to pursue joining the program at this time.
8. Mr. Redd presented the budget schedule for the upcoming fiscal year. He explained that the budget process is beginning and will be completed in May.
9. Councilmember Lyman explained that the Chamber of Commerce website is in the process of being updated. It is being changed to remove the calendar and businesses that are no longer in operation.
10. Councilmember Lyman explained that there will be a meeting this week with the BLM regarding Recapture Canyon. All consulting parties will be discussing what to do with the cultural resources within the area.
11. Councilmember Johnson asked about the progress of the new Water Treatment Plant. Mr. Webb explained that the end of the contract time is near and the contractor will most likely not be finished at that time. Mr. Webb expects that the contractor will pay liquidated damages. He expects the plant to be finished in the next 30 days.
12. Open Forum – No public comments were given.

13. **Councilmember Johnson moved to adjourn. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Johnson
NONE**

Those voting NAY

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Turk declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

By _____
Jeremy Redd, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
JANUARY 26, 2010
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor Pro-Tempore: Kelly Laws
City Councilmembers: Mike Halliday
Joe Lyman
David Johnson
Kelly Laws
Charlie Taylor
City Manager: Chris Webb
City Treasurer: Jeremy Redd
City Engineer: Terry Ekker
General Services Director: Jeff Black
Community Development Director: Bret Hosler
Police Chief: Lyle Bayles

Absent:

Mayor: Toni Turk

Others Present: Sandra Bennett, Terri Laws, Chase Whipple, Kolby Whipple, Stuart Shumway, Peter Shumway, Nathan Nielson, Rodney Kyles, Robert Ogle, Jon Hunt, Asa Bradford, Lincoln Holliday, Caleb Pugh, Braden Meyer, Adam Ward, Keaton Hiatt, Davin Lyman, Jonathan Pugh, Teancum Chamberlain, Cole Chamberlain, Jeff Whipple, Alex Hall, Kathryn Hall, Bailey Kartchner, Riley Kartchner, Talon Dayish, Celeste Dayish, Cindy Bayles, Brandon Johnstun, Julie Hawkins, Samuel Hawkins, Ed Johnstun, Merle McDonald.

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Chris Webb.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Lyman moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the January 12, 2010 meeting. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Halliday**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws declared the motion carried.

3. Open Forum – Lee Paterson of the Utah National Guard informed the Council of the deployment of the local 118th Sapper Company. The unit will be deployed to Afghanistan for a period of approximately 12 months beginning in July.

Councilmember Laws expressed thankfulness for the company and their service.

Councilmember Johnson asked how many men would be deployed from the unit, and was told that approximately 35 men will be sent.

Saundra Bennett explained that she has been a resident of the county since 1958 and is a nurse at the Four Corners Care Center. She commented that she has been working with Councilmembers and City Staff to learn more about flood insurance and the FEMA national flood insurance program. She expressed concern about possible flooding in the community when the snow melts this spring and expressed thanks to the City for the efforts that have been made to prepare for possible problems. She encouraged people to be ready with pumps and vacuums to remove water if necessary.

4. Mr. Hosler presented the 2009 Building Report. He explained that 2009 was a good construction year in Blanding and is ahead of the two previous years.
5. Mr. Webb introduced a discussion regarding snow removal. He presented two possible scenarios that other cities are currently using. Logan does not allow overnight parking on the street from November 15th through the end of February each year. Other cities do not allow parking on streets during winter if there are measurable amounts of snow on the streets and they have not been plowed since the last snowfall.

Councilmember Laws explained that he favors an ordinance similar to Logan because it takes out ambiguity and makes provision for people who do not have parking off the street.

Councilmember Lyman wants the Council to do nothing. He explained that we do not receive snow very often and he sees no need to enact a new ordinance and have the police enforce something that is not much of a problem.

Councilmember Johnson explained that the major problem is the vehicles that do not ever move. He expressed support for enforcing the removal of these vehicles prior to winter.

Councilmember Taylor expressed a desire to do nothing, and Councilmember Halliday affirmed his position that the snow should be pushed to the curb and not left eight feet out in the road.

6. Mr. Webb introduced a draft of the Westwater Development MOU for Council discussion. He explained that he received a draft from the tribe, but it was not close to what the City had discussed. With the blessing of the Council he would like to send it to the tribe for their review.

There was Council discussion on minor wording changes within the document. Mr. Webb noted the changes and will modify the document before sending it.

Mr. Ekker explained that in a normal development situation there would be a warranty bond that is held to make sure the work holds up for one year after the completion of the project. He expressed interest in holding some type of warranty bond for this project and requiring the tribe to warranty their development. Council asked Mr. Webb to include language adding a warranty bond to the MOU.

Councilmember Lyman responded to a request made by the Westwater developers to allow a temporary water connection during the construction process. He explained that the Council is not willing to grant the request because the City is using the water connection as surety for the project, and if a connection is granted they will lose the surety that is allowing the project to continue.

7. Mr. Lyman introduced a possible change to zoning regulations currently in place. He proposed giving the building official the ability to grant a variance to regulations within a certain percentage. He used an example in which house plans are completed but they would put the house six inches past the required setback. The change would allow Mr. Hosler to decide whether or not to allow the variance without the issue coming before a board. He further explained that exceptions would be quite rare and would allow for common sense to be used.

Councilmember Johnson liked the idea of allowing people to save money based on a common sense approach. Councilmember Taylor commented that when more people are involved in a decision of this type it tends to look cleaner and reduces conflict.

Advice and consent was given to allow the planning commission to work out a draft of the policy and present it to the Council.

8. Mr. Webb explained that money has been saved to remodel the City office and he is looking for direction as to what the Council would like to see updated. After some discussion, it was determined that the Council would like to remodel to add energy efficiency including: new windows, new lighting, heating and air-conditioning system. Comments were also made proposing that outdated paneling and worn carpet be replaced.

Councilmember Lyman explained that he has a hard time spending money to spruce up something that is serviceable. Mr. Webb explained that it makes sense to upgrade facilities as we go along to keep them from becoming useless. He feels that it is an unwise decision not to put money into keeping facilities maintained and up to date.

Councilmember Johnson expressed interest in paying a contractor to walk through the building and provide feedback and an estimate on needed repairs. Advice and consent was given to spend some money to determine a plan for the remodel.

9. Mr. Webb opened a discussion about possible grant funding to repair Starvation Reservoir and replace the water distribution line on 300 West. He explained that this might qualify as a green project because it would conserve a precious water resource. The funding will probably not be all grant money, and he wanted to make sure the Council was in favor of taking on some debt for the project. He further explained that money that was set aside for current water projects will not be needed and could be used to pay down current debt. This would minimize any potential increase in overall debt financing to the city as a result of the project.

Councilmember Lyman expressed support if it makes sense financially. Mr. Webb asked for approval to move forward on the application. Advice and consent was given by the Council to begin the process.

10. Mr. Webb commented on the upcoming National Guard deployment and presented more information. He explained that the City has a program in place to help with utility bills of the families of deployed soldiers.
11. Mr. Redd proposed that utility meters not be read this month because of the large amount of snow. He explained that bills will be calculated based on the previous month's usage. He wanted to make sure the Council was aware of the change and had no objections to the plan.
12. Open Forum – Sandra Bennett asked about trash barrels and tumbleweeds that accumulate near the fence at the fire station. She was told that they are the responsibility of the City and will be maintained by the City.
13. **Councilmember Lyman moved to retire to Executive Session. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Halliday**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws declared the motion carried.

Mayor and Council retired to executive session at 8:29 pm.

Mayor and Council returned from executive session at approximately 8:47 pm.

14. **Councilmember Taylor moved to adjourn. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Halliday
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Laws**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

By _____
Jeremy Redd, Deputy Recorder

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
JANUARY 12, 2010
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor Pro-Tempore: Kelly Laws
City Councilmembers: Mike Halliday
Joe Lyman
David Johnson
Charlie Taylor
City Manager: Chris Webb
City Treasurer: Jeremy Redd
City Engineer: Terry Ekker
General Services Director: Jeff Black
Community Development Director: Bret Hosler

Absent:

Mayor: Toni Turk

Others Present: Terri Laws, Merle McDonald, James Harris, William Walker, Jeffrey Walker, Mitch McComb, Kent Lewis, Jim Bayles, Mark Lowry, Greg Adams, Erik Grover.

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Mike Halliday.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Lyman moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the December 15, 2009 meeting. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Halliday**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws declared the motion carried.

3. Open Forum – Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws reminded everyone present of the rules of open forum. He commented that the Council is not expected or obligated to respond to any comments that are made during the forum, but they can be brought back at a later time by a Councilmember as an agenda item.

Jeffrey Walker presented a book to the Council he compiled as part of his Eagle Scout project. It includes stories from veterans and emergency services personnel from Blanding. The copy presented to the City will be displayed at the Visitor Center for interested parties to view.

Mitch McComb gave the Council an update on the proposed Westwater development. He has presented the development plat to the City and County and it is currently being reviewed by each entity. He explained that home site leases are being completed and will be sent to the Navajo Nation for approval. He presented the Council with a request from the Bureau of Reclamation to run a temporary water line to Westwater. He proposed that the Blue Mountain Dine or the Aneth Chapter would be responsible to collect money from the residents to pay for the water.

Kent Lewis addressed the Council regarding requiring mandatory house numbering in Blanding. He explained that if the fire department is called for an emergency they may not be able to find the correct home because of a lack of house numbering. He commented that it might be advantageous for everyone if house numbers are required on all residences.

Greg Adams spoke to the Council representing the County. He assured the Councilmembers that the County intends to treat the Westwater development exactly like any other developer within the County. He has also explained to the developer that if they want to someday be a part of Blanding then they will have to develop to the standards of the City of Blanding as well as the county. Mr. Adams explained that he does not want to see any conflict between Blanding City and San Juan County in the development of the subdivision.

4. Mr. Webb presented the December 2009 Water Report. Councilmember Lyman asked about irrigation shares in dry wash reservoir. Councilmember Laws explained that city capacity changes depending on the amount of city shares in the upper system.
5. Mr. Webb presented the December 2009 Police Report. Councilmember Lyman asked about a letter included with the report from Judge Harris to City Attorney Craig Halls. Judge Harris explained that in the past they have seen DUI and domestic violence cases without input from the City Attorney, and the proper way to handle such cases is for the City Attorney to review the cases and recommend prosecution. Mr. Webb explained that a possible solution would be to have administrative personnel gather information to expedite the process and send the information to Mr. Halls. This solution would allow the City to be in compliance without spending large amounts of money on legal fees.
6. Mr. Webb presented the December 2009 Fire Report. No comments were made.
7. **Councilmember Lyman moved to approve Resolution 2010-1 Appointing Officers of the City. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Halliday**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws declared the motion carried.

8. **Councilmember Laws moved to approve Resolution 2010-2 Adopting an Updated Water Conservation Plan. Councilmember Lyman seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws repeated the motion and asked for discussion.** Councilmember Laws explained that this plan is re-adopted from time to time and it is the same plan that has been used since 1999. Councilmember Lyman asked if the map should be updated to include the new deep wells. Mr. Ekker commented that it is not worth changing the map at this point. Councilmember Lyman asked about commercial business that may be required to conserve by 25% in the event of drought. Mr. Webb explained that the last time restrictions were implemented commercial customers were effective in conserving even though they had been conservation minded before the restrictions. Councilmember Laws explained that the plan has been effective in the past and the only thing that seemed to change behavior was impacting the pocketbooks of customers. **Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Lyman
Councilmember Laws
Councilmember Halliday**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws declared the motion carried.

9. Councilmember Laws reported on a meeting with city staff and the County. He explained that there was a healthy discussion about the best way to remove snow, and the snow removal process should improve. He hopes that the City will develop a policy for snow removal for future years. Mr. Webb was asked to contact other cities to get an outline for a policy. Councilmember Halliday commented that we are punishing people who would like to park next to their curb by pushing snow back where they have already cleared. Mr. Ekker commented about the deterioration of the asphalt when snow and ice are left on the roads for an extended period of time.
10. Mr. Webb explained that there are two bands under consideration for the July 4th celebration. One is a country band and the other is an oldies band. He asked for input from the Council on which type of band they would like. Councilmember Laws commented that either one is fine, but he would like to see more patriotic songs played at the event. Councilmember Johnson mentioned that people are at the park socializing and the band is background noise for the event. The type of band is not of great concern.

11. Councilmember Lyman addressed the Transitions fee waiver request that was made two weeks ago in open forum. He explained that he has a conflict of interest because of family ownership of the property, and he would prefer not to be part of the discussion or the vote. Mr. Hosler explained that the waiver would be for a sewer and water connection which would amount to \$1600.00. Councilmember Laws expressed concern that we could waive the fees today and they could sell the property in 6 months to a for profit company. Councilmember Lyman expressed the opinion that we should be pro-business and encourage economic growth in any way possible. Councilmember Johnson explained that the money would come from grant funding and not directly from the business. Mr. Webb commented that each time a fee waiver has been discussed for a business it has been tied to a return on investment for the community. He encouraged the Council to look at the value to the City and its citizens by waiving the fees. Councilmember Laws expressed the desire to see consistency across the board for any business approaching the Council for a waiver of fees.
12. Mr. Webb informed the Council that he received a memorandum of understanding from the Navajo Nation and it was not close to what the City had agreed to. He drafted a new agreement that is being reviewed by staff and it will come back at the next meeting with changes and input from city staff.
13. Open Forum – Kent Lewis commented that the City should look into moving the snow from the streets with loaders and trucks and possibly dump it near the reservoirs.
14. **Councilmember Taylor moved to adjourn. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Halliday

Councilmember Lyman

Councilmember Taylor

Councilmember Laws

Councilmember Johnson

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro-Tempore Laws declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

By _____
Jeremy Redd, Deputy Recorder